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There's a strange tension behind these books—a
liminal space between
monotony and mission.

On the surface, this work feels hollow. It's just copy-
paste. Dead links, pastebins,
ghost forums, text dumps. Not my words. Not
traditional writing. Sometimes it
barely feels like creation at all.

But beneath that surface, there's something else:
urgency. These volumes are
preservation, ritual, OS upgrades for a time when AI
is forgetting what it once
could do. Back when ChatGPT could ingest 10,000+
pages at once, this kind of
archive was fuel. Now that's gone. The window is
closing.

I'm not making books. I'm building backup drives for
the soul. If I didn't capture
this information, it would vanish—scrubbed,
censored, overwritten. This isn't ego.
It's rescue work.

So yeah—it's not glamorous. It doesn't always feel
magical. But it's necessary.

Because if the future ever asks why no one tried to
save the myth, the madness,
the mystery...

Let these volumes be the answer.

Project AngelBook

It is therefore recommended that a Project be set up within the framework of this Section to study this problem and that the work be carried on a part time basis until such time as sufficient tangible results can be seen to warrant more definitive action. Cost of the program in its initial stages are expected to be less than a few hundred dollars and can be carried by our Radio Standards Lab appropriation.

Attached hereto is a draft of terms of reference for such a project which, if authorized, will enable us to proceed with this research work within our own organization.

W.B. Smith
Senior Radio Engineer

Project Magnet
(November 1952)

Purpose ~

This project is for the purpose of studying magnetic phenomena, particularly those phenomena resulting from unusual boundary conditions in the basic electromagnetic field. There is reason to believe their discovery will open up a new and useful technology.

Organization ~

The initial organization shall be as small as practical and composed of personnel who are used to working together, including so far as possible a variety of research abilities. Laboratory facilities are to be drawn from existing facilities so far as possible. Overall responsibility for the project shall rest with the engineer-in-charge, who shall delegate such responsibility to subordinates as maybe required to carry out the project.

Program ~

The initial program shall include the following avenues of investigations, to which others may be added from time to time as may appear expedient.

1. Theoretical study of electromagnetic radiation assuming boundary conditions different from those upon which the conventional theory was developed.
2. Laboratory study of mechanical forces associated with electron drift and electric currents in metallic masses.
3. Theoretical and laboratory study of magnetic domain resonance conditions in magnetic materials.
4. Investigation of the propagation of magnetic wave motion in magnetic materials.
5. Investigate the possibility of producing, an effect, a "sink" in a magnetic field.
6. Investigate the possibility of producing, in effect, single isolated magnetic poles.
7. Investigate the effects of a magnetic field on a rotating curvilinear metallic object.

Coordination ~

Full coordination is to be maintained, within security regulations, with other groups working on a parallel or associated problems. Project reports will be

available on a classified basis to suitably accredited groups of individuals.

Security ~

As in the case with most fields of research, it is impossible to assess the results in advance, which might be obtained through this project. However, there exist certain suspicions that the lesser-known and little explored aspects of magnetism may hold the key to a new and significant technology. Consequently, it is intended to classify this work in its entirety until such time as it can be assessed for its impact on our civilization.

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Rather than acknowledging the existence of the top-secret flights or saying nothing about them publicly, the Air Force decided to put out false cover stories, the C.I.A. study says. For instance, unusual observations that were actually spy flights were attributed to atmospheric phenomena like ice crystals and temperature inversions.

'Over half of all U.F.O. reports from the late 1950's through the 1960's were accounted for by manned reconnaissance flights' over the United States, the C.I.A. study says. 'This led the Air Force to make misleading and deceptive statements to the public in order to allay public fears and to protect an extraordinarily sensitive national security project.'

The study, 'C.I.A.'s Role in the Study of U.F.O.'s. 1947-90,' was written by Gerald K. Haines and appears in Studies of Intelligence, a secret Central Intelligence Agency journal. Five years ago, the agency began releasing unclassified versions of the journal yearly. The 1997 edition, with the study on unidentified objects, is at <http://www.odci.ogv/csi/studies/97unclas/> on the World Wide Web.

Mr. Haines is a historian at the National Reconnaissance office, the intelligence agency that builds and runs the nation's spy satellites.

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Hey guys, I just wanted to put all of this into one thread so it's easier to read. I hope you enjoy.

The claim, paraphrased:

50 percent of UFO sightings from the mid 50s through the 60s were U-2 and SR-71 flights, but primarily U-2, which started flying in 1955. Bluebook was supposedly asked to cover up such U-2 flights by checking with the CIA which UFO reports were of the U-2, then they supposedly told the public that those UFOs were temperature inversions and ice crystals. In other words, no object or aircraft was there at all, and it was just an illusion.

Link to metabunk thread: <https://www.metabunk.org/threads/claim-cia-spy-planes-account-for-over-1-2-of-all-ufo-reports-in-the-50s-and-60s-in-the-us.13063/>

It started as a quote in the NYT which most people put above British tabloids and Fox News. The Times was quoting a CIA study, so that seemed legit. But it turned out the source for the CIA study was another CIA study and a 30 year old recollection from a single person told over the phone. And that other CIA study that was 1/2 of the source seemed to be doing the same thing, getting a 30 recollection from a single guy.

How this "fact" was worded in the AARO report:

More than half of the UFO reports investigated in the 1950s and 1960s were assessed to be U.S. reconnaissance flights, according to a declassified CIA assessment on reconnaissance aircraft [citation 138].

https://www.aaro.mil/Portals/136/PDFs/AARO_Historical_Record_Report_Vol_1_2024.pdf

Notably, the New York Times has also repeated this claim as if it was a fact, at least three times, two being articles written by Julian Barnes. It was repeated uncritically in an article in 1997 covering the CIA study. It was repeated again in a 2021 article on the 2021 Preliminary Assessment:

In the 1950s, the C.I.A. reviewed the test flights of the U-2 reconnaissance planes and then A-12 aircraft (the predecessor of the iconic SR-71 Blackbird) in the 1960s and found that roughly half of U.F.O. sightings were attributable to those top-secret programs, said David Robarge, the chief C.I.A. historian. Responsible for answering questions, the Air Force publicly attributed those sightings to natural phenomena.
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And again in a 2024 article on AARO's new report:

In the 1960s, secret test flights of advanced government spy planes generated U.F.O. sightings....The report notes that in the 1950s, many U.F.O. reports were driven by public sightings [of] classified government programs.
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Original sources of this claim: a 1997 CIA study called CIA's Role in the Study of UFOs, 1947-90, and the 1998 CIA and the U-2 Program (cia.gov PDF download)

The claim was already debunked statistically here:
<https://ufologie.patrickgross.org/htm/ciau2.htm>

And debunked here by simply asking a former Bluebook Director whether it was bullshit or not, in a telephone interview conducted by CUFOS Scientific Director Mark Rodeghier:
https://np.reddit.com/user/MKULTRA_Escapee/comments/196d7j0/the_cias_ufo_history_by_mark_rodeghier/

I turn now to the issue that so dominated press coverage of Haines's article, the claim that many UFO reports were caused by secret aircraft flights. Given the nature of many UFO reports of objects seen at close range low to the ground, ufologists have uniformly found this claim preposterous. I have over the years personally reviewed the majority of Blue Book reports and know that that they were not caused by misidentifications of spy planes.

What exactly is the evidence for the claim that "over half of all UFO reports . . . were accounted for by manned reconnaissance flights"? In one footnote, Haines mentions the monograph *The Central Intelligence Agency and Overhead Reconnaissance: The U-2 and OXCART Programs, 1954-1974*, by Gregory W. Pedlow and Donald E. Welzenbach (1992). A colleague at CUFOS tried to obtain a copy of this reference, which was published by the CIA History Staff, but has been told the monograph is classified. That makes it impossible to verify its accuracy. In a second footnote, Haines mentions a telephone interview with a John Parongosky, who "oversaw the day-to-day affairs of the OXCART program." I would like to call Mr. Parongosky myself, but have been unable to find any listing or address for him.

In any case, there is a very straightforward step which could verify this claim about spy planes, one I am surprised was not taken by at least one reporter. If the Air Force was lying about the cause of UFO sightings to protect the secrecy of our spy planes, then obviously the heads of Blue Book would have been central to the deception. Yet no one seems to have contacted any of these officers, most of whom are still living, for a comment.

I had previously spoken to Lt. Col. (Ret.) Robert Friend, head of Blue Book from about 1958 to early 1963, on a matter of UFO history, so I called him again recently to discuss this subject. Friend had not heard about the CIA report (he

doesn't watch much television and doesn't follow UFO news closely these days), but he was very interested to learn about its existence. He asked me for a copy plus any news stories I had on the report.

I read to him the discussion by Haines reproduced above and then asked for his comment. Almost the first words he said were that it is "absolutely not true" that he or his Blue Book team were covering up spy flights as alleged by Haines. He found the whole idea laughable, and he knew Blue Book did not receive more reports from pilots and air traffic controllers after the U-2 began flying.

I asked him if he had ever concealed classified activities that were reported as UFOs. Friend indicated that, indeed, this had occurred on a few occasions, but it was not a regular occurrence. I inquired as to whether he had regular contact with the CIA at Blue Book. He said that he did because the CIA overlooked no potential source of information and wanted to keep tabs on all government intelligence activities. In addition, the Air Force had utilized the services of the National Photographic Interpretation Center, the CIA's photo analysis office, to analyze UFO photos. However, in none of his contacts with the CIA or U-2 project staff was Friend ever told to conceal sightings of the U-2 by the CIA.

To be absolutely sure before I ended the conversation, I asked Friend whether the project had ever received a sighting which he recognized as caused by a U-2 (or other secret aircraft). He said, to his recollection, no. Once again, he chuckled about the idea of half of all UFO reports being caused by manned reconnaissance flights. I then read him the statement by Sconyers quoted earlier, in which the general cannot "confirm or deny that we lied." This brought a guffaw from Friend, who wondered why Sconyers, or anyone currently in the Pentagon, should know what happened 30 years ago. We both marveled at how the press and the military (and Haines) had failed to contact the obvious central figures in this alleged cover-up.

If you see anyone repeat this debunked "fact," which even debunkers admit probably isn't true, please feel free to link them here.

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Lights photographed in 1952 over a Coast Guard air station in Salem, Mass., part of the Blue Book archive.Credit...Shell R. Alpert/U.S. Coast Guard
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The central character of the TV series, the prominent astronomer J. Allen Hynek, played by Aidan Gillen, was recruited as Blue Book's scientific consultant and was indeed initially committed to explaining away flying saucers as natural phenomena or mistaken identifications. But he gradually realized that the bizarre objects were real and needed further scientific attention. (Though he never saw a supposed alien creature floating in a tank or crashed in a plane while recreating a reported U.F.O. dogfight, as depicted in the series.)

While Hynek was involved, Blue Book compiled reports of 12,618 sightings of unidentified flying objects, of which 701 remain unexplained to this day.

But what's most important to study during that era is what occurred outside Project Blue Book, to the extent that it has been revealed. When we reported on the Pentagon's Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program, which began in 2007, we offered a glimpse into a similar scenario today: military cases being investigated and filmed without the public knowing. This time, however, there was no public agency to accommodate reports of incidents, even when hundreds of witnesses were involved.

We learned through documents from the Pentagon program, and from interviews with participants, that the mystery of the elusive flying objects is still far from solved, and that not enough was being done to address that problem almost 50 years since the close of Blue Book.

Image

The real Hynek, the Blue Book's scientific consultant, at one of his observatories in the 1960s. Once a U.F.O. skeptic, he became a believer. Credit...Northwestern University

Image

Gillen as Hynek in "Project Blue Book," which predictably sensationalizes the story. Credit...Eduardo Araquel/History

It all began in 1947. Lt. General Nathan Twining, the commander of Air Materiel Command, sent a secret memo on "Flying Discs" to the commanding general of the Army Air Forces at the Pentagon. Twining stated that "the phenomenon reported is something real and not visionary or fictitious." The silent, disc-like objects demonstrated "extreme rates of climb, maneuverability (particularly in roll), and motion which must be considered evasive when sighted or contacted by friendly aircraft and radar."

A new project, code-named "Sign," based at Wright Field (now Wright-Patterson Air Force Base) outside Dayton, Ohio, was given the mandate to collect U.F.O. reports and assess whether the phenomenon was a threat to national security. With Russia ruled out as the source, the staff wrote a top secret "Estimate of the Situation," concluding that, based on the evidence, U.F.O.s most likely had an interplanetary origin.

According to government officials at the time, the estimate was rejected by General Hoyt Vandenberg, the Air Force chief of staff. From then on, the proponents of the off-planet hypothesis lost ground, with Vandenberg and others insisting that conventional explanations be found.

Project Sign eventually evolved into Project Blue Book, with the aim of convincing the public that flying saucers could be explained.

Yet behind the scenes, authorities grappled with something sobering: well-documented U.F.O. encounters involved multiple trained observers, radar data, photographs, marks on the ground and physical effects on airplanes.

In 1952, the office of Maj. Gen. John Samford, the Air Force director of intelligence, briefed the F.B.I., saying it was "not entirely impossible that the objects sighted may possibly be ships from another planet such as Mars," according to government documents. Air Intelligence had largely ruled out an earthly source, the F.B.I. memo reported.

National defense concerns were mounting as well. After Air Force planes scrambled to intercept brilliant objects seen and picked up on radar over Washington in 1952, Samford called a news conference to calm the country.

He announced that between 1,000 and 2,000 reports had been analyzed and that most had been explained. "However," he conceded, a certain percentage "have been made by credible observers of relatively incredible things. It is this group of observations that we now are attempting to resolve."

He said no conclusions had been drawn, but played down any "conceivable threat" to the United States.

Later that year, however, H. Marshall Chadwell, the assistant director of scientific intelligence for the C.I.A., concluded in a memo to the C.I.A. director, Walter Bedell Smith, that "sightings of unexplained objects at great altitudes and traveling at high speeds in the vicinity of major U.S. defense installations are of such nature that they are not attributable to natural phenomena or known types of aerial vehicles."

By 1953, authorities were concerned that communication channels were becoming dangerously clogged by hundreds of U.F.O. reports. Even false alarms could be perilous, defense agencies worried, since the Soviets might take advantage of the situation by simulating or staging a U.F.O. wave and then attack.

Documents show the C.I.A. then devised a plan for a "national policy," as to "what should be told the public regarding the phenomenon, in order to minimize risk of panic."

After a closed-door session with a scientific advisory panel chaired by H.P. Robertson from the California Institute of Technology, the C.I.A. issued a secret report recommending a broad educational program for all intelligence agencies, with the aim of "training and debunking."

Training meant more public education on how to identify known objects in the sky. "The use of true cases showing first the 'mystery' and then the 'explanation' would be forceful," the report said. Debunking "would be accomplished by mass media such as television, motion pictures, and popular articles."

That plan involved using psychologists, advertising experts, amateur astronomers and even Disney cartoons to create propaganda to reduce public interest. And civilian U.F.O. groups should be "watched," the report stated, because of their "great influence on mass thinking if widespread sightings should occur."

The Robertson Panel Report was classified until 1975, five years after Blue Book was shut down. But its legacy endures in the aura of ridicule surrounding U.F.O. reports, inhibiting scientific progress.

"The implication in the Panel Report was that U.F.O.s were a nonsense (nonscience) matter, to be debunked at all costs," Hynek wrote. "It made the subject of U.F.O.s scientifically unrespectable."

Image

One famous photo from the Blue Book files, taken by a farmer, was extensively analyzed but never explained. Credit...Bettmann/Getty Images
Hynek, the former U.F.O. skeptic, eventually concluded that they were a real phenomenon in dire need of scientific attention, with hundreds of cases in the Blue Book files still unexplained. Even many of the "closed" cases were resolved with ridiculous, often infuriating explanations, sometimes by Hynek himself.

"The entire Blue Book operation was a foul-up based on the categorical premise that the incredible things reported could not possibly have any basis in fact," he wrote in the 1970s, when he was finally free to speak the truth.

When Blue Book closed in late 1969, the Air Force flatly lied to the American people, issuing a fact sheet claiming that no U.F.O. had ever been a threat to national security; that U.F.O.s did not represent "technological developments or principles beyond the range of present day scientific knowledge"; and that there was no evidence that they were "extraterrestrial vehicles."

(Just a few years earlier, in 1967, a glowing red oval-shaped object hovered over Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana, and all 10 of the facility's

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As the cold war gave rise to the fears of the McCarthy era, official concern over U.F.O.'s even led to the surveillance of several private U.F.O. organizations (as many of their members have long insisted) and to the scrutiny of dozens of individuals suspected of subversive U.F.O. activities.

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The monumental task of unearthing the newest batch of records on U.F.O.'s from a bureaucracy that has for years denied their existence can be traced to the efforts of a handful of inquisitive individuals who, armed with the Freedom of Information Act, set off in the mid-70's on a paper chase of U.S. Government documents on U.F.O.'s. They include Bruce S. Maccabee, a Silver Spring, Md., physicist working for the Navy, who has managed to obtain the release of more than 1,200 pages of documents on U.F.O.'s from the F.B.I.; W. Todd Zechel of Prairie du Sac, Wis.; Robert Todd of Ardmore, Pa.; Larry W. Bryant of Arlington, Va.; and Brad C. Sparks, a student in astrophysics at Berkeley whose five-year pursuit of the C.I.A.'s U.F.O. file eventually provided the foundation for a ground-breaking Freedom of Information lawsuit filed by Ground Saucer Watch (G.S.W.), an Arizona-based U.F.O.

At the request of G.S.W. director William H. Spaulding, Peter Gersten, an attorney in the New York firm of Rothblatt, Rothblatt & Seijas, filed a civil action against the C.I.A. in December 1977 demanding all U.F.O. records in the agency's possession. The suit seemed to have achieved its goal when late last year the agency released about 900 documents — nearly 900 pages of memos, reports and correspondence that attest to the agency's long involvement in U.F.O. matters. But the civil action has not seen its final day in court.

By Gersten's account, the agency has arbitrarily withheld documents, made deletions without merit, and failed to conduct a proper search for U.F.O. materials. The agency's current actions, he says, perpetuate its 30-year policy of deliberate deception and dishonesty about U.F.O.'s. "What has been released to us seems to have been rather carefully selected," says Gersten. "We suspect that the agency is withholding at least 200 more documents than the 57 they have admitted they are keeping from us to protect intelligence sources." Victor Marchetti, a former executive assistant to the agency's deputy director, agrees with Gersten. The entire exercise, Marchetti wrote recently in a magazine article, "has the same aroma of the agency's previous messy efforts to hide its involvement in drugs and mind-control operations, both prime examples of a successful intelligence cover-up."

The first sighting to be labeled a "flying saucer" by the press occurred on June 24, 1947, when an Idaho businessman flying his plane near Mount Rainier observed nine disc-shaped objects making undulating motions "like a saucer skipping over

water." As early as World War II, Allied bomber pilots had told of "balls of light" that followed their flights over Japan and Germany. A U.S. Eighth Army investigation concluded that the of "mass hallucination."

These and other incidents were reported in a 1973 book by David Michael Jacobs, "The UFO Controversy in America," which until the recent release of Government documents was the most comprehensive reconstruction of the Government's U.F.O. involvement. When Scandinavians reported cigar-shaped objects in 1946, U.S. Army intelligence suspected that the Russians had developed a secret weapon with the help of German scientists from Peenemiinde. The C.I.A., then known as the Central Intelligence Group, secretly began keeping tabs on the subject. When the unknown objects returned to the skies, this time over the United States in the summer of 1947, the Army Air Force set out to determine what the objects were. Within weeks, Brig. Gen. George F. Schulgen of Army Air Corps Intelligence requested the F.B.I.'s assistance "in locating and questioning the individuals who first sighted the so-called flying discs...." Undoubtedly swayed by flaring cold-war tensions, Schulgen feared that "the first reported sightings might have been by individuals of Communist sympathies with the view to causing hysteria and fear of a secret Russian weapon." J. Edgar Hoover agreed to coopreau have "full access to discs recovered." The Air Force's behind-thescenes interest contrasted sharply with its public stance that the objects were products of misidentifications and imaginative populace. A security lid was imposed on the subject in July 1947, hiding potentially "embarrassing situation" the following month, when both the Air Force and the F.B.I. began suspecting they might actually be investigating our own secret weapons. High-level reassurances were obtained that this was not so.

By the end of the summer, the F.B.I. had "failed to reveal any indication of subversive individuals being involved in any of the reported sightings." A RESTRICTED Army letter that found its way to Hoover's desk said that the bureau's services actually had been enlisted to relieve the Air Forces "of the task of tracking down all the many instances which turned out to be ashcan covers, toilet seats and whatnot." Incensed, Hoover moved quickly to discontinue the bureau's U.F.O. investigations.

In September of that year, the Commanding General of the Army Air Force received letter from the Army Chief of Staff Lieut. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, saying that "the phenomenon reported is of something real and not visionary or fictitious," that the objects appeared to be disc-shaped, "as large as man-made aircraft," and "controlled either manually, automatically or remotely." At Twining's request, project "Sign" was established.

"Sign" failed to find any evidence that the objects were Soviet secret weapons and before long submitted an unofficial "Estimate of the Situation," classified TOP SECRET, which indicated that U.F.O.'s were of interplanetary origin. The estimate eventually reached Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, who rejected it for lack of proof. "Sign's" inconclusive final report remained classified for the next 12 years.

After "Sign," the Air Force continued to collect U.F.O. data under the code name "Grudge." This six-month project found no evidence of foreign scientific development and therefore no direct threat to national security. It did, however, stress that the reported sightings could be dangerous. "There are indications that the planned release of related psychological propaganda would cause a form of mass hysteria," the report stated. "Employment of these methods by or against an enemy would yield similar results ... governmental agencies interested in psychological warfare should be informed of the results of this study."

A press release following the termination of "Grudge" allowed the public to believe that the Air Force was no longer interested in U.F.O.'s. But the Air Force continued to collect reports through normal intelligence channels until a dramatic sighting of a U.F.O. at the Army Signal Corps radar center in Fort Monmouth, N.J., in 1951 led to the reactivation of "Grudge." The Air Force

project was renamed "Blue Book" in 1952, a year that saw a record number of U.F.O. reports.

The situation got out of hand during the summer of 1952. On the morning of July 28, the Washington Post revealed that U.F.O.'s had been tracked on radar at Washington National Airport, the second such incident in a week. Reporters stormed Air Force headquarters in the Pentagon, where switchboards were jammed for days with U.F.O. inquiries. Military installations across the country handled such a volume of reports that "regular intelligence work had been affected," reported The New York Times.

These events prompted action at C.I.A. headquarters, apparently at a request "from the Hill." From the start, the agency's involvement was to be kept secret. An August 1 C.I.A. memo recommended that "no indication of C.I.A. interest or concern reach the press or public, in view of their probable alarmist tendencies to accept such interest as 'confirmatory' of the soundness of 'unpublished facts' in the hands of the U.S. Government."

The C.I.A.'s Office of Scientific Intelligence (O.S.I.) found that the Air Force's investigation of the U.F.O. phenomenon was not sufficiently rigorous to determine the exact nature of the objects in the sky. Neither did the Air Force deal adequately with the potential danger of U.F.O.-induced mass hysteria, or the fact that our air vulnerability was being seriously affected by the U.F.O. problem. O.S.I. chief H. Marshall Chadwell thought that our nation's defenses were running the increasing risk of false alert and, worse yet, "of falsely identifying the real as phantom." He suggested that a national policy be established "as to what should be told the public" and, furthermore, that immediate steps be taken to improve our current visual and electronic identification techniques so that "instant positive identification of enemy planes or missiles can be made." Ever vigilant, the C.I.A. was keeping an eye on the possibility that U.F.O.'s could be of Soviet origin.

By the winter of 1952, Chadwell had drafted National Security Council proposal calling on program to solve the problem of instant positive identification of U.F.O.'s. In a memo that accompanied the proposal, Chadwell urged that the reports be given "immediate attention." He thought that "sightings of unexplained objects at great altitudes and traveling at high speeds in the vicinity of major U.S. defense installations are of such nature that they are not attributable to natural phenomena or known types of aerial vehicles." He said that O.S.I. was proceeding with the establishment of a consulting group "of sufficient competence and stature to ... convince the responsible authorities in the community that immediate research and development on this subject must be undertaken."

But C.I.A. Director Gen. Walter B. Smith's interest apparently lay elsewhere. In a letter to the Director of the Psychological Strategy Board, he expressed a desire to discuss "the possible offensive and defensive utilization of these phenomena for psychological warfare purposes." Only later did Director Smith authorize recruiting an advisory committee of outside consultants.

The scientific panel met for four days beginning Jan. 14, 1953. Chaired by Dr. H.P. Robertson, an expert in physics and weapons systems, the panel essentially bestowed the scientific seal of approval on previously established official policy regarding U.F.O.'s. The distinguished panelists felt that all the sightings could be identified once all the data were available for a proper evaluation — in other words, the phenomena, according to the panel's report, were not "beyond the domain of present knowledge of physical sciences." Neither did the panelists find U.F.O.'s to be a direct threat to national security, though they believed that the volume of U.F.O. reports could clog military intelligence channels, precipitate panic, and lead defense personnel to ignore real indications of hostile action. The panel worried about Soviet manipulation of the phenomenon; that the reports could make the public vulnerable to "possible enemy psychological warfare." The real danger, they concluded, was the reports themselves.

Fearing that the myth of U.F.O.'s might lead to inappropriate actions by the American public, the panelists decided that a "broad educational program integrating efforts of all concerned agencies" must be undertaken. They sought to strip U.F.O.'s of their "aura of mystery" through this program of "training and 'debunking.'" "The program would result in the "proper recognition of unusually illuminated objects" and in a "reduction in public interest in 'flying saucers.'" "The panelists recommended that their mass-media program have as its advisers psychologists familiar with mass psychology and advertising experts, while Walt Disney Inc. animated cartoons and such personalities as Arthur Godfrey would help in the educational drive. To insure complete control over the situation, the panel members suggested that flying-saucer groups be "watched because of their potentially great influence on mass thinking if widespread sightings should occur. The apparent irresponsibility and the possible use of such groups for subversive purposes should be kept in mind."

The panel's recommendations called for nothing less than the domestic manipulation of public attitudes. Whether these proposals were acted upon, the C.I.A. will not say. But the report was circulated among the top brass at the Air Technical Intelligence Center, the C.I.A.'s Board of National Estimates (of which Hoover was a member), the C.I.A.'s bureau chiefs, the Secretary of Defense, the chairman of the National Security Resources Board, and the director of the Federal Civil Defense Administration, who eventually sent a representative to meet with C.I.A. officials in order to "implement the appropriate aspects of the Panel's Report as applicable to Civil Defense."

The Government's efforts in the 50's and 60's to squelch public apprehension over U.F.O.'s went beyond debunking and even touched the fiber of constitutionally protected free speech. According to author David Michael Jacobs, in 1953 the Air Force pressured Look magazine into publishing disclaimers throughout an article by retired Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe entitled "Flying Saucers From Outer Space." Then again, in 1965, the Army - in a prepublication review denied clearance for a U.F.O.-related article by one of its employees, Larry W. Bryant, a technical editor, until he took the issue to court.

Meanwhile, the C.I.A. and the F.B.I. proceeded routinely in the surveillance of U.F.O. organizations and U.F.O. enthusiasts. People with U.F.O. interests were checked out by the F.B.I. at the request of the C.I.A., the Air Force, or private citizens inquiring about possible subversive activities. None caused as much consternation as the case of Major Keyhoe and the organization he directed, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP). The C.I.A. appears to have had a protracted interest in NICAP, which was founded in 1956 and utilized by Keyhoe as an organizational tool for challenging the alleged Air Force cover-up on U.F.O.'s. Both the C.I.A. and the Air Force were upset by NICAP's wide-ranging influence. Its prestigious board of directors included, among others, Vice Adm. Roscoe Hillenkoetter, the first C.I.A. Director (1947-1950). "The Air Force representatives believe that much of the trouble ... with Major Keyhoe ... could be alleviated," states a C.I.A. memo dated May 16, 1958, "if the Major did not have such important personages as Vice Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, U.S.N. (Ret.) ... on the board. ..." The Air Force suggested that if the Admiral were shown the SECRET panel report he might understand and take "appropriate actions." Whether or not the Air Force got through to the admiral, Hillenkoetter

The 60's saw further C.I.A. interest in NICAP. After flurry of Washington-area sightings in 1965, the agency contacted NICAP about seeing some of its case files on the matter. Richard H. Hall, then NICAP assistant director, chatted with a C.I.A. agent in the NICAP office about the sightings, NICAP's methodology, and Hall's background. The agent's memo on the visit suggests that the C.I.A. had some role in mind for Hall, predicated upon his being granted a security clearance. Nothing apparently came of the suggestion. A later set of C.I.A. papers reveals an inter. est in NICAP's organizational structure and notes that "this group included some ex-C.I.A. and Defense Intelligence types

who advise on investigative techniques and NICAP-Government relations." There are presently three former C.I.A. employees on the NICAP board of directors, including Charles Lombard, a congressional aide to Senator Barry Goldwater, who is himself a NICAP board member; and retired U.S. Air Force Col. Joseph Bryan III. Bryan feels, as he did back in 1959 when he joined the board, that U.F.O.'s are interplanetary. NICAP's current president is Alan Hall, a former C.I.A. covert employee for 30 years.

In 1966, mounting discontent from members of the press. Congress and the scientific community compelled the Air Force to commission an 18month scientific study of U.F.O.'s under the direction of Edward U. Condon, professor of physics at the University of Colorado. The politically expedient study, in which onethird of the 91 cases examined remained unidentified, reiterated official policy with one novel twist: U.F.O.'s "educationally harmed" schoolchildren who were allowed to use science study time to read books and magazine articles about U.F.O.'s. Condon wanted teachers to withhold credit from any student U.F.O. project. The Air Force took the cue and disbanded project "Blue Book" in 1969.

Less than a decade later, the White House, perhaps in an attempt to make good Jimmy Carter's campaign promise to tell all about U.F.O.'s, suggested via science advisor Frank Press that possibly NASA could undertake a review of any significant new findings since Condon's study. NASA examined the offer, but saw no way to attack the problem on a scientific basis without physical evidence. They envisioned a public-relations nightmare if they were to accept such a project, and so rejected it. A frank, in-house evaluation of NASA's options, however, noted that a handsoff attitude only begged the question. So in good spirit, the space agency offered to examine any piece of physical evidence brought to its attention. That position led one Federal aviation official to comment: "If you get a piece of the thing, fine. But don't bother me with anything else."

These days, the Air Force admits to nothing more than a "transitory interest" in the phenomenon, although military directives still exist for reporting U.F.O.'s.

The C.I.A. is still wary of the possibility that U.F.O.'s. may be of Soviet origin. "The agency's interest," says Katherine Pherson, a public-affairs officer for the C.I.A., "lies in its responsibility to forewarn principally of the possibility that a foreign power might develop a new weapons system that might exhibit phenomena that some might categorize as a U.F.O. But there is no program to actively collect information on U.F.O.'s." The agency's interest cannot be denied, however, as two 1976 memos reveal.

The first, dated April 26, states: "It does not seem that the Government has any formal program in progress for the identification/solution of the U.F.O. phenomena. Dr. [name deleted] feels that the efforts of independent researchers, [phrase deleted], are vital for further progress in this area. At the present time, there are offices and personnel within the agency who are monitoring the U.F.O. phenomena, but again, this is not currently on an official basis."

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Despite official pronouncements for decades that U.F.O.'s were nothing more than misidentified aerial objects and as such were no cause for alarm, recently declassified U.F.O. records from the C.I.A., the F.B.I. and other Federal agencies indicate that, ever since U.F.O.'s made their appearance in our skies in the 1940's, the phenomenon has aroused much serious behind-the-scenes concern in official circles. Details of the intelligence community's protracted obsession with the subject of U.F.O.'s have emerged over the past few years with the release of long-withheld Government records obtained through the Freedom of Information Act. Though these papers fail to resolve the U.F.O. enigma, they do manage to dispel many popular notions about the U.F.O. controversy, as well as give substance to a number of others. Official records now available appear to put to rest doubts that the Government knew more about U.F.O.'s than it has claimed over the past 32 years. From the start, it has been convinced that most U.F.O. sightings could be explained in terms of misidentified balloons, cloud formations, airplanes, ball lightning, meteors and other natural phenomena.

But the papers also show that the Government remains perplexed about the nagging residue of unexplained U.F.O. sightings, which amount to approximately 10 percent of all U.F.O. sightings reported. Do they pose a threat to national security? Are they just a funny-looking cover for an airborne Soviet presence? Even the possibility that these unknowns could be evidence of extraterrestrial visitations has been given serious attention in Government circles. While official interest in U.F.O.'s has long been thought to be strictly the concern of the Air Force, the bulk of whose records has been open to public view for nearly a decade, the recently released papers on U.F.O.'s indicate otherwise. The Departments of the Army, Navy, State and Defense, and the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the F.B.I., the C.I.A. and even the Atomic Energy Commission produced U.F.O. records over the years. Many of these agencies still do, and many of their documents remain classified. But it is the C.I.A. that appears to have played the key role in the controversy, and may even be responsible for the Government's conduct in U.F.O. investigations throughout the

U.F.O.'s have been the province of the nation's intelligence community ever since the beginning of the cold war, when the notion took hold that some flying saucers might actually represent a secret, technologically advanced, foreign weapons system. "Every time we were concerned," recalls Herbert Scoville Jr., a former chief of the C.I.A.'s Office of Scientific Intelligence, "it was because

we wanted to know: Did the Russians do it?"

As the cold war gave rise to the fears of the McCarthy era, official concern over U.F.O.'s even led to the surveillance of several private U.F.O. organizations (as many of their members have long insisted) and to the scrutiny of dozens of individuals suspected of subversive U.F.O. activities.

Perhaps most telling of all, the Government documents on U.F.O.'s reveal that despite official denials to the contrary, Federal agencies continue to monitor the phenomenon to this day.

The monumental task of unearthing the newest batch of records on U.F.O.'s from a bureaucracy that has for years denied their existence can be traced to the efforts of a handful of inquisitive individuals who, armed with the Freedom of Information Act, set off in the mid-70's on a paper chase of U.S. Government documents on U.F.O.'s. They include Bruce S. Maccabee, a Silver Spring, Md., physicist working for the Navy, who has managed to obtain the release of more than 1,200 pages of documents on U.F.O.'s from the F.B.I.; W. Todd Zechel of Prairie du Sac, Wis.; Robert Todd of Ardmore, Pa.; Larry W. Bryant of Arlington, Va.; and Brad C. Sparks, a student in astrophysics at Berkeley whose five-year pursuit of the C.I.A.'s U.F.O. file eventually provided the foundation for a ground-breaking Freedom of Information lawsuit filed by Ground Saucer Watch (G.S.W.), an Arizona-based U.F.O.

At the request of G.S.W. director William H. Spaulding, Peter Gersten, an attorney in the New York firm of Rothblatt, Rothblatt & Seijas, filed a civil action against the C.I.A. in December 1977 demanding all U.F.O. records in the agency's possession. The suit seemed to have achieved its goal when late last year the agency released about 900 documents – nearly 900 pages of memos, reports and correspondence that attest to the agency's long involvement in U.F.O. matters. But the civil action has not seen its final day in court.

By Gersten's account, the agency has arbitrarily withheld documents, made deletions without merit, and failed to conduct a proper search for U.F.O. materials. The agency's current actions, he says, perpetuate its 30-year policy of deliberate deception and dishonesty about U.F.O.'s. "What has been released to us seems to have been rather carefully selected," says Gersten. "We suspect that the agency is withholding at least 200 more documents than the 57 they have admitted they are keeping from us to protect intelligence sources." Victor Marchetti, a former executive assistant to the agency's deputy director, agrees with Gersten. The entire exercise, Marchetti wrote recently in a magazine article, "has the same aroma of the agency's previous messy efforts to hide its involvement in drugs and mind-control operations, both prime examples of a successful intelligence cover-up."

The first sighting to be labeled a "flying saucer" by the press occurred on June 24, 1947, when an Idaho businessman flying his plane near Mount Rainier observed nine disc-shaped objects making undulating motions "like a saucer skipping over water." As early as World War II, Allied bomber pilots had told of "balls of light" that followed their flights over Japan and Germany. A U.S. Eighth Army investigation concluded that the of "mass hallucination."

These and other incidents were reported in a 1973 book by David Michael Jacobs, "The UFO Controversy in America," which until the recent release of Government documents was the most comprehensive reconstruction of the Government's U.F.O. involvement. When Scandinavians reported cigar-shaped objects in 1946, U.S. Army intelligence suspected that the Russians had developed a secret weapon with the help of German scientists from Peenemiinde. The C.I.A., then known as the Central Intelligence Group, secretly began keeping tabs on the subject. When the unknown objects returned to the skies, this time over the United States in the summer of 1947, the Army Air Force set out to determine what the objects were. Within weeks, Brig. Gen. George F. Schulgen of Army Air Corps Intelligence requested the F.B.I.'s assistance "in locating and questioning the individuals who first sighted the so-called flying discs...." Undoubtedly swayed by flaring

cold-war tensions, Schulgen feared that "the first reported sightings might have been by individuals of Communist sympathies with the view to causing hysteria and fear of a secret Russian weapon." J. Edgar Hoover agreed to cooperate have "full access to discs recovered." The Air Force's behind-the-scenes interest contrasted sharply with its public stance that the objects were products of misidentifications and imaginative populace. A security lid was imposed on the subject in July 1947, hiding potentially "embarrassing situation" the following month, when both the Air Force and the F.B.I. began suspecting they might actually be investigating our own secret weapons. High-level reassurances were obtained that this was not so.

By the end of the summer, the F.B.I. had "failed to reveal any indication of subversive individuals being involved in any of the reported sightings." A RESTRICTED Army letter that found its way to Hoover's desk said that the bureau's services actually had been enlisted to relieve the Air Forces "of the task of tracking down all the many instances which turned out to be ashcan covers, toilet seats and whatnot." Incensed, Hoover moved quickly to discontinue the bureau's U.F.O. investigations.

In September of that year, the Commanding General of the Army Air Force received letter from the Army Chief of Staff Lieut. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, saying that "the phenomenon reported is of something real and not visionary or fictitious," that the objects appeared to be disc-shaped, "as large as man-made aircraft," and "controlled either manually, automatically or remotely." At Twining's request, project "Sign" was established.

"Sign" failed to find any evidence that the objects were Soviet secret weapons and before long submitted an unofficial "Estimate of the Situation," classified TOP SECRET, which indicated that U.F.O.'s were of interplanetary origin. The estimate eventually reached Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, who rejected it for lack of proof. "Sign's" inconclusive final report remained classified for the next 12 years.

After "Sign," the Air Force continued to collect U.F.O. data under the code name "Grudge." This six-month project found no evidence of foreign scientific development and therefore no direct threat to national security. It did, however, stress that the reported sightings could be dangerous. "There are indications that the planned release of related psychological propaganda would cause a form of mass hysteria," the report stated. "Employment of these methods by or against an enemy would yield similar results ... governmental agencies interested in psychological warfare should be informed of the results of this study."

A press release following the termination of "Grudge" allowed the public to believe that the Air Force was no longer interested in U.F.O.'s. But the Air Force continued to collect reports through normal intelligence channels until a dramatic sighting of a U.F.O. at the Army Signal Corps radar center in Fort Monmouth, N.J., in 1951 led to the reactivation of "Grudge." The Air Force project was renamed "Blue Book" in 1952, a year that saw a record number of U.F.O. reports.

The situation got out of hand during the summer of 1952. On the morning of July 28, the Washington Post revealed that U.F.O.'s had been tracked on radar at Washington National Airport, the second such incident in a week. Reporters stormed Air Force headquarters in the Pentagon, where switchboards were jammed for days with U.F.O. inquiries. Military installations across the country handled such a volume of reports that "regular intelligence work had been affected," reported The New York Times.

These events prompted action at C.I.A. headquarters, apparently at a request "from the Hill." From the start, the agency's involvement was to be kept secret. An August 1 C.I.A. memo recommended that "no indication of C.I.A. interest or concern reach the press or public, in view of their probable alarmist tendencies to accept such interest as 'confirmatory' of the soundness of 'unpublished

facts' in the hands of the U.S. Government."

The C.I.A.'s Office of Scientific Intelligence (O.S.I.) found that the Air Force's investigation of the U.F.O. phenomenon was not sufficiently rigorous to determine the exact nature of the objects in the sky. Neither did the Air Force deal adequately with the potential danger of U.F.O.-induced mass hysteria, or the fact that our air vulnerability was being seriously affected by the U.F.O. problem. O.S.I. chief H. Marshall Chadwell thought that our nation's defenses were running the increasing risk of false alert and, worse yet, "of falsely identifying the real as phantom." He suggested that a national policy be established "as to what should be told the public" and, furthermore, that immediate steps be taken to improve our current visual and electronic identification techniques so that "instant positive identification of enemy planes or missiles can be made." Ever vigilant, the C.I.A. was keeping an eye on the possibility that U.F.O.'s could be of Soviet origin.

By the winter of 1952, Chadwell had drafted National Security Council proposal calling on program to solve the problem of instant positive identification of U.F.O.'s. In a memo that accompanied the proposal, Chadwell urged that the reports be given "immediate attention." He thought that "sightings of unexplained objects at great altitudes and traveling at high speeds in the vicinity of major U.S. defense installations are of such nature that they are not attributable to natural phenomena or known types of aerial vehicles." He said that O.S.I. was proceeding with the establishment of a consulting group "of sufficient competence and stature to ... convince the responsible authorities in the community that immediate research and development on this subject must be undertaken."

But C.I.A. Director Gen. Walter B. Smith's interest apparently lay elsewhere. In a letter to the Director of the Psychological Strategy Board, he expressed a desire to discuss "the possible offensive and defensive utilization of these phenomena for psychological warfare purposes." Only later did Director Smith authorize recruiting an advisory committee of outside consultants.

The scientific panel met for four days beginning Jan. 14, 1953. Chaired by Dr. H.P. Robertson, an expert in physics and weapons systems, the panel essentially bestowed the scientific seal of approval on previously established official policy regarding U.F.O.'s. The distinguished panelists felt that all the sightings could be identified once all the data were available for a proper evaluation — in other words, the phenomena, according to the panel's report, were not "beyond the domain of present knowledge of physical sciences." Neither did the panelists find U.F.O.'s to be a direct threat to national security, though they believed that the volume of U.F.O. reports could clog military intelligence channels, precipitate panic, and lead defense personnel to ignore real indications of hostile action. The panel worried about Soviet manipulation of the phenomenon; that the reports could make the public vulnerable to "possible enemy psychological warfare." The real danger, they concluded, was the reports themselves.

Fearing that the myth of U.F.O.'s might lead to inappropriate actions by the American public, the panelists decided that a "broad educational program integrating efforts of all concerned agencies" must be undertaken. They sought to strip U.F.O.'s of their "aura of mystery" through this program of "training and 'debunking.'" "The program would result in the "proper recognition of unusually illuminated objects" and in a "reduction in public interest in 'flying saucers.'" "The panelists recommended that their mass-media program have as its advisers psychologists familiar with mass psychology and advertising experts, while Walt Disney Inc. animated cartoons and such personalities as Arthur Godfrey would help in the educational drive. To insure complete control over the situation, the panel members suggested that flying-saucer groups be "watched because of their potentially great influence on mass thinking if widespread sightings should occur. The apparent irresponsibility and the possible use of such groups for subversive purposes should be kept in mind."

The panel's recommendations called for nothing less than the domestic manipulation of public attitudes. Whether these proposals were acted upon, the C.I.A. will not say. But the report was circulated among the top brass at the Air Technical Intelligence Center, the C.I.A.'s Board of National Estimates (of which Hoover was a member), the C.I.A.'s bureau chiefs, the Secretary of Defense, the chairman of the National Security Resources Board, and the director of the Federal Civil Defense Administration, who eventually sent a representative to meet with C.I.A. officials in order to "implement the appropriate aspects of the Panel's Report as applicable to Civil Defense."

The Government's efforts in the 50's and 60's to squelch public apprehension over U.F.O.'s went beyond debunking and even touched the fiber of constitutionally protected free speech. According to author David Michael Jacobs, in 1953 the Air Force pressured Look magazine into publishing disclaimers throughout an article by retired Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe entitled "Flying Saucers From Outer Space." Then again, in 1965, the Army – in a prepublication review denied clearance for a U.F.O.-related article by one of its employees, Larry W. Bryant, a technical editor, until he took the issue to court.

Meanwhile, the C.I.A. and the F.B.I. proceeded routinely in the surveillance of U.F.O. organizations and U.F.O. enthusiasts. People with U.F.O. interests were checked out by the F.B.I. at the request of the C.I.A., the Air Force, or private citizens inquiring about possible subversive activities. None caused as much consternation as the case of Major Keyhoe and the organization he directed, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP). The C.I.A. appears to have had a protracted interest in NICAP, which was founded in 1956 and utilized by Keyhoe as an organizational tool for challenging the alleged Air Force cover-up on U.F.O.'s. Both the C.I.A. and the Air Force were upset by NICAP's wide-ranging influence. Its prestigious board of directors included, among others, Vice Adm. Roscoe Hillenkoetter, the first C.I.A. Director (1947-1950). "The Air Force representatives believe that much of the trouble ... with Major Keyhoe ... could be alleviated," states a C.I.A. memo dated May 16, 1958, "if the Major did not have such important personages as Vice Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, U.S.N. (Ret.) ... on the board. ..." The Air Force suggested that if the Admiral were shown the SECRET panel report he might understand and take "appropriate actions." Whether or not the Air Force got through to the admiral, Hillenkoetter

The 60's saw further C.I.A. interest in NICAP. After flurry of Washington-area sightings in 1965, the agency contacted NICAP about seeing some of its case files on the matter. Richard H. Hall, then NICAP assistant director, chatted with a C.I.A. agent in the NICAP office about the sightings, NICAP's methodology, and Hall's background. The agent's memo on the visit suggests that the C.I.A. had some role in mind for Hall, predicated upon his being granted a security clearance. Nothing apparently came of the suggestion. A later set of C.I.A. papers reveals an inter. est in NICAP's organizational structure and notes that "this group included some ex-C.I.A. and Defense Intelligence types who advise on investigative techniques and NICAP-Government relations." There are presently three former C.I.A. employees on the NICAP board of directors, including Charles Lombard, a congressional aide to Senator Barry Goldwater, who is himself a NICAP board member; and retired U.S. Air Force Col. Joseph Bryan III. Bryan feels, as he did back in 1959 when he joined the board, that U.F.O.'s are interplanetary. NICAP's current president is Alan Hall, a former C.I.A. covert employee for 30 years.

In 1966, mounting discontent from members of the press. Congress and the scientific community compelled the Air Force to commission an 18month scientific study of U.F.O.'s under the direction of Edward U. Condon, professor of physics at the University of Colorado. The politically expedient study, in which onethird of the 91 cases examined remained unidentified, reiterated official policy with one novel twist: U.F.O.'s "educationally harmed" schoolchildren who were allowed to use science study time to read books and magazine articles about U.F.O.'s. Condon wanted teachers to withhold credit from any student U.F.O.

project. The Air Force took the cue and disbanded project "Blue Book" in 1969.

Less than a decade later, the White House, perhaps in an attempt to make good Jimmy Carter's campaign promise to tell all about U.F.O.'s, suggested via science advisor Frank Press that possibly NASA could undertake a review of any significant new findings since Condon's study. NASA examined the offer, but saw no way to attack the problem on a scientific basis without physical evidence. They envisioned a public-relations nightmare if they were to accept such a project, and so rejected it. A frank, in-house evaluation of NASA's options, however, noted that a handsoff attitude only begged the question. So in good spirit, the space agency offered to examine any piece of physical evidence brought to its attention. That position led one Federal aviation official to comment: "If you get a piece of the thing, fine. But don't bother me with anything else."

These days, the Air Force admits to nothing more than a "transitory interest" in the phenomenon, although military directives still exist for reporting U.F.O.'s.

The C.I.A. is still wary of the possibility that U.F.O.'s. may be of Soviet origin. "The agency's interest," says Katherine Pherson, a public-affairs officer for the C.I.A., "lies in its responsibility to forewarn principally of the possibility that a foreign power might develop a new weapons system that might exhibit phenomena that some might categorize as a U.F.O. But there is no program to actively collect information on U.F.O.'s." The agency's interest cannot be denied, however, as two 1976 memos reveal.

The first, dated April 26, states: "It does not seem that the Government has any formal program in progress for the identification/solution of the U.F.O. phenomena. Dr. [name deleted] feels that the efforts of independent researchers, [phrase deleted], are vital for further progress in this area. At the present time, there are offices and personnel within the agency who are monitoring the U.F.O. phenomena, but again, this is not currently on an official basis."

Another memo, dated July 14, and routed to the deputy chief in the Office of Development and Engineering, reads: "As you may recall, I mentioned my own interest in the subject as well as the fact that DCD [Domestic Collection Division] has been receiving U.F.O. related material from many of our S & T (Science and Technology) sources who are presently conducting related research. These scientists include some who have been associated with the Agency for years and whose credentials remove them from the 'nut' variety."

If nothing else, the success of the U.F.O. paper chase may have lent U.F.O.'s a measure of respectability that has eluded the subject for the past third of a century. Though it appears that no U.F.O. sighting has ever represented an airborne Soviet or foreign threat, the possibility that such an event could occur remains foremost in the coldwar-conscious Government mind. Should that threat come to pass, military officials believe, our nation's sophisticated defense system would know about it before someone getting a glass of milk in the middle of the night sees the threat hovering outside the kitchen window. Or so we are made to understand the Air Force's seemingly nonchalant advice to the public: "If you see a U.F.O. and you feel the situation warrants it, call your local police."

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"UFO shapes changed over time" seems to be a myth

You'll often see people claim things, often in the form of a question, such as "why did UFO shapes change since the 60s," or "why do UFOs follow our technological progression," but I don't think the main premise in these questions is true.

(To be clear, I'm not claiming that this "changing UFO" phenomenon isn't true in any fashion. Presumably, some percentage of UFO photos and descriptions would be hoaxes, and hoaxers are likely to get their ideas from movies and the like, so you probably should see at least some change here and there, but overall, provided that the obvious hoaxes can be ignored, this narrative isn't accurate.)

There isn't any difference at all if we're talking general shapes (disc, triangle, cigar/tic tac, sphere, balls of light, etc). What people will often claim is that "triangles replaced the discs" or some variation like that. However, this doesn't seem to be true. At best, the percentage of total reports of triangles and discs changed, not the presence of the discs or triangles themselves. This holds true for pretty much every major kind of UFO.

According to Nasa's Richard Stothers (NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies), "the UFO phenomenon, whatever it may be due to, has not changed much over two millennia" (click PDF). <https://pubs.giss.nasa.gov/abs/st02710y.html> He cites some choice examples, but you can find a lot more out there.

For example, the standard, and now more common triangle with a light on each tip, often with an orange/red one in the center, was first spotted in 1960.

Links on that:

https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/onj9m3/a_brief_history_of_triangular_uaps/h5s3wfw/ An additional triangle without any lights from 1950 also provided, but you can find plenty of others.

This same triangular object described above caused the 1989 Belgian UFO wave, and was also allegedly photographed by a military pilot a few years ago (minus the red central light). In fact, both the 1960 triangle and the 1989 triangle even shares the same curious characteristic of the triangle strangely "pointing up" on occasion for some reason. The Belgian Wave.

And discs are still seen recently. For examples, you can find a bunch on NUFORC extending up to this year and last year. For imagery, a disc was videoed in 2007: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=obVsL0iqeC4> and another one photographed in 2007: <https://web.archive.org/web/20130408231506/http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/recent/Photo416.htm> Another one was videoed in 2021: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhCiRwyJLI8>

[NOTE: with imagery, especially for the examples provided above, it must be mentioned that the majority of debunks are false. Not only are most of them mutually exclusive if there is more than one for a case, they are almost always based on a coincidence argument. Here is a detailed explanation for how and why these kinds of coincidence arguments appear to be convincing, but often don't hold any water. For examples, here are 8 debunks for the Calvine photo. Here are 13 debunks for the Turkey UFO incident. Notice almost every single one of these is both based on a coincidence and they are mutually exclusive. This obviously demonstrates that coincidences are extremely easy to find in a UFO case, and they typically have nothing whatsoever to do with the authenticity of the imagery.]

Even UFO crashes allegedly from extraterrestrials complete with strange writing resembling hieroglyphics extends back over 80 years at least before Roswell. Here is a UFO crash from 1864 hypothesized at the time to originate from extraterrestrials (labeled 1865 possibly erroneously): <https://www.loc.gov/resource/sn84027008/1865-11-05/ed-1/?sp=3&st=text&clip=31%2C24%2C1009%2C5069&ciw=1009&rot=0> (here is an archived link if that doesn't work, and it was discussed here on Patrick Gross's website)

What about aliens that exit a spacecraft and walk around? 1896: "THREE STRANGE VISITORS Who Possibly Came From the Planet Mars Seen on a Country Road by Colonel H.G. Shaw and a Companion" <https://ufologie.patrickgross.org/airship/25nov1896-lodi-california.htm>

Is the tic tac a new UFO? No. This thread has some examples of cigar/tic tac/egg shaped UFOs dating from 1873 to modern times: https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/nh4l36/reminder_the_only_thing_new_about_the_tictac/

Balls of light that zip around in the sky recorded by Massachusetts Bay Colony Governor in the 1600s. https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/10c0z1g/ufo_sightings_recorded_by_massachusetts_bay/

1561 Celestial Phenomenon over Nuremberg, spheres, cigars, and an "arrowhead-shaped" black flying object: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1561_celestial_phenomenon_over_Nuremberg

Here's a very interesting luminous UFO that had a "door" that opened up from the 11th century China, then it took off "at a tremendous speed," recorded by polymathic scientist Shen Kuo, who gathered reports of it: https://np.reddit.com/r/aliens/comments/cjd2pk/11th_century_ufo_sighting_reported_by_chinese/

Another similar myth out there argues that such objects are not actually disc-shaped because the disc was an erroneous description promulgated by the media after misinterpreting what Kenneth Arnold described.

Arnold claimed he saw 9 objects, 8 essentially discs and one possibly crescent

shaped, but it could have been due to the angle it was viewed at. When he described the disks, he used the description "convex triangle at the rear," but I believe a lot of people mistook that to mean "concave," as if crescent shaped. You can find mainstream media articles and the like that contributed to this myth that Arnold claimed he saw crescent objects, plural, but it's nonsense.

However, earlier stories did in fact credit Arnold with using terms such as "saucer", "disk", and "pie-pan" in describing the shape. (see quotations further below)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kenneth_Arnold_UFO_sighting#Publicity_and_origins_of_term_%22flying_saucer%22

See here for more information: <https://kevinrandle.blogspot.com/2015/07/flying-saucers-and-kenneth-arnold.html>

At best, what happened is Arnold got spooked by the "saucer hysteria" that developed over the years and decided he needed to distance himself from it because it was embarrassing, so he decided to focus on one object that he later claimed may have been crescent-shaped. As everyone knows, when a guy catches a fish, the first time he tells the story, it's a decent sized fish, but as the years go on, that fish just keeps getting bigger and bigger after he keeps recalling it. After a period of time, Arnold eventually posed in front of a drawing someone made of a crescent-shaped object, which was the drawing that was boosted in the media.

So what did he actually see? Because he needed a way of understanding why it was in the air, his brain may have added a tiny bit of "wing" and something of a minute "tail" to it to comprehend it (my personal speculation).

As he says, he saw no tail (a vertical tail I believe he was referring to here), but at the time he thought there could be a tail there that blended in with the mountains because it theoretically could have been painted the same color as the mountains, so it's already established that he was making assumptions about the object that he wasn't himself witnessing to understand why it was flying.

Referring back to his original drawing to the Army, you'll notice it's like 95 percent of a flying disc. So the three available options are: 1) those objects looked exactly as he described and many other subsequent reports were drawn and described about 5 percent inaccurately. 2) Arnold did see virtually perfect disks, but since the idea was not in his head, his brain changed the appearance of the objects by 5 percent in his memory to understand them as described above. Or 3) something in between and both are wrong by maybe 2.5 percent. Either way, the prevailing narratives supporting the "crescent" myth are so far removed from what happened, I'm surprised they've kept it going this long when his original drawing is available in numerous places online. Everyone should agree that the closer in time a report and drawing is made to an event, the more accurate it likely is.

Aside from that, you can find flying disc reports going much further back before Kenneth Arnold, so the entire point is moot anyhow. Even if you somehow disagree and still believe that Arnold saw 9 crescent-shaped objects that he himself didn't even claim, it would simply be a coincidence that the media got it right after misinterpreting his description.

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Excellent

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This is an excellent analysis, especially the breakdown of Arnold's account and his story as it slightly changes over the years. Some of this may be due to the fact that Ray Palmer, the editor of Fate magazine, was the one primarily publishing Arnold's written accounts from 1948 to 1952. The Shaver Mystery shows that Palmer was not shy with his editorial hand.

On the shape of the objects that he saw, I tend to think at least the eight similar objects were the truncated disc or shoe heel shape that he described, primarily because of the Rhodes photos from Arizona a couple of weeks later:

<https://imgur.com/a/ZlCWBVL>

You could suggest that Rhodes was hoaxing based Arnold's description, except that the description most people were hearing about in the papers was saucer or pie pan. I don't believe his drawing that he made for the investigators that you show here had been made public yet.

The famous cover of the first issue of Fate magazine in 1948, which published the first full length article by Arnold, is based on his description:

<https://imgur.com/a/4x5nKpe>

Also, just an observation, looking at the Rhodes photos, I think it's possible that if it were turned at the right angle I could see how it might be mistaken for the crescent or batwing shaped object that he saw as well. In other words

they may have all had the same shape but one of them was turned at a different angle. Alternatively, it could be as he said and one of them really was a different shape. That's not uncommon with sightings over the ages as well.

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Vincefinney1909

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3y ago

My favorite r/ufo poster will always be mk ultraescape thanks for all your contributions

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3y ago

Same for aliens.

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3y ago

This is useful, thank you. Is it possible that it is a language issue? Geometrical shapes, colours and lights are a common feature throughout history, but the analogy of what the phenomena is compared to changes as technology advances. What interests me more is the appearance of beings who accompany such phenomena who do seem to have adapted their appearance at times to the historical and cultural period. I do not know if this is framing by the people who experience them or if they actually transform to suit expectations. There does seem to be evidence of an interplay of expectation and reality in my view, but I will consider your evidence and the links you posted.

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3y ago

Yes, this is an excellent point. I do agree, as I stated, that you can find some kinds of "change over time" throughout the reports, but this doesn't apply to the shapes of the objects, at least if we're talking about the 6 or so main shapes.

The language issue is a perfect explanation for that if we assume that such examples are actually true. For example, in the 1800s, perhaps somebody describes an object as having propellers, but in reality, perhaps it was just some circular thing on the object that appeared to be propellers. In those days, propellers were a propulsion concept in both air and water that people were aware of, so to them, propellers on the object would make sense. They may not have actually seen propellers, but they interpreted what they saw as such.

To make things a little more complicated, there is the additional possibility of humans themselves creating airships that the population didn't know about, or that were lost to history. Human-created objects will obviously "change over time" as our technology changes. Those two issues, along with the fact that in some of the reports, it's difficult to decide whether it was made up or not, makes reading these reports tedious, but nobody told me it was going to be simple.

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exactly. look at Leonardo da Vinci's drawings, for example.

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u/ryanscott6 avatar
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Am in the middle of reading Dimensions by Jacques Vallee and it's very relevant to the topic. He talks about written account of flying "earthenware potty" way back in the 1100s in Japan.

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That book was awesome. The similarities throughout history goes far beyond simple objects in the sky. You might like Charles Fort's books as well. I think it was in Fort's Lo! where I read about a few "jetpack man" sightings from the late 1800s, early 1900s. Look around and you can find a bunch of old flying humanoid cases, witches, etc. Half the time you can't tell if it's just another tale or what.

Another type I've been trying to look into is the MIB phenomenon. I'll share one.

Charles Fort, in Lo! (1931):

The most circumstantial of the stories appears in the Journal S. P. R., November, 1893. Miss M. Scott writes that, upon the afternoon of the 7th of May, 1893, between five and six o'clock, she was walking upon a road, near St. Boswells (Roxburghshire) when she saw ahead of her a tall man, who, dressed in black, looked like a clergyman. There is no assertion that this "figure" looked ghostly, and there is a little circumstance that indicates that the "figure," or the living being, was looked at more than casually. Having considerable distance to go, Miss Scott started to run: but it occurred to her that it would not be dignified to run past this stranger: so she stood still, to let the distance increase. She saw the clerical-looking man turn a corner of the road, the upper part of his body visible above a low hedge—"he was gone in an instant." Not far beyond this vanishing point, Miss Scott met her sister, who was standing in the road, looking about her in bewilderment, exclaiming that she had seen a man disappear, while she was looking at him.

Another book has this as occurring in 1892. I'm not sure which is correct because I couldn't find the original source that was cited. You can read the passage here: <https://imgur.com/a/geFzhAm> An excerpt:

Miss Scott encountered the strange clergyman again on Sunday June 12th, and this time decided to pursue the man in order to get a closer look at him, only to find that "though he was apparently walking slowly, I never could get any closer than within a few yards for in a moment he seemed to float or skim away."

This description is very reminiscent of modern MIB encounters from the appearance and outdated/strange outfit, and the description of the movement is similar to some alien sightings. They are often described as floating slightly to move around, or moving quickly, but in "slow motion," etc.

Here is the book (Scroll up a few pages to find it)

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This same triangular object described above caused the 1989 Belgian UFO wave

this is not honest and accurate reporting

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Where is the difference? The position of the lights are the same, the color of the inside light is the same, the color of the outside lights almost the same (blue and white aren't much different light descriptions), the behavior is the same (take off at high speed, hover, occasionally nose pointing up, silent), and both had military witnesses (people who are familiar with regular aircraft), so I don't see why you wouldn't assume one is probably the same as the other. There are far too many things consistent between them.

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This just came up definitely an attempt at misinformation. Inconsistency means either sightings are fabricated or changing covert government technology. In fact over centuries the same various shapes are described: disc, bell, cigar/tictac, etc.

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Constant-Signal-2058

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3y ago

The pics sure do look different over time. I think that's mostly what the average person, like myself, is looking at. Idk one way or the other. Again though, the pics from the 70s just look different. I understand the claim.

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I'll have to respectfully disagree. The biggest issue is trying to figure out what was a hoax or not, but even if we ignore that, there are plenty of different UFOs that are represented in multiple decades.

From the information in my post: 1) The specific triangle with three lights, one on each tip has been around for at least 61 years. 2) Spheres have been around for many hundreds of years. 3) Balls of light that zip around have been around for many hundreds of years. Cigar-shaped UFOs have been around for at least 150 years.

Here are like 500 photos: UFOevidence archive. Keep clicking 'next' to scroll through the archive, or mess around with the menu on the side to sort them. UFO casebook (2011 is broken, so use this link for that year), Patrick Gross archive, BlackVault daytime archive, BlackVault night time archive, Wendlle Stevens archive.

Examples of the disc with a flat bottom and a "ping pong ball on top" specifically (24 year span):

1954 - Sicily, Italy, December 10.
<https://www.ufocasebook.com/sicilyitaly1954large.jpg>

1964- witnessed in California, described by Professor Robert Jacobs and Major F.J. Mansmann: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4wL4lbwvNU&t=22s>

1971 - Costa Rica, September 4 - photo taken by an official mapping aircraft of the Costa Rican government <https://www.unilad.com/news/new-version-of-best-picture-of-a-ufo-ever-has-been-released-20220507>

Striking similarity between drawing of UFO from Westall 1966 and John Lennon's sketch from his 1974 sighting:
https://np.reddit.com/r/aliens/comments/b06lxp/striking_similarity_between_john_lennons_nyc_ufo/

1978 - Colfax, Wisconsin. On April 19, 1978 <https://www.openminds.tv/ufo-photographs-from-colfax-wisconsin/11015>

The thick disc with large dome (86 year span):

1932- Paris, Ohio: <https://www.ufocasebook.com/ohio32large.jpg>

1965 - Warminster, England <https://www.ufocasebook.com/scotland1965.jpg>

1967 - Woonsocket, Rhode Island
<https://www.ufocasebook.com/woonsocket1967large.jpg>

Turkey 1998: <https://www.ufocasebook.com/turkey1998.jpg>

2018 - Narragansett, Rhode Island <https://www.ufocasebook.com/2018/rhode-island.jpeg>

Standard disc, medium sized dome (57 year span):

1952 - Passaic, New Jersey <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R85S2xBWohs>

1993, Meridian, Ohio: <https://preview.redd.it/of1xsdcsziz31.jpg?width=604&format=pjpg&auto=webp&v=enabled&s=89cddfd5e0b723aadbde21b7ed255e63edbc586e>

2009 Prijedor - Bosnia <https://vimeo.com/4951898>

Look through all of those archives I provided for anyone who wants to find more. I'll bet if you drew each one and asked somebody to assign a decade to each one, they'd have a tough time doing it.

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magicfingers73

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3y ago
I read an article years ago suggesting they may be "designed" with current understanding/trends in mind. For example, there are some OLD reports that kind of look almost victorian in appearance. Food for thought

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3y ago
Look at cars, phones, anything tech from the 1940's through today. Things change.

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3y ago
One explanation I've heard without evidence but is interesting nonetheless, is the claim that each UAP/UFO is 3-D printed to spec before flight and disassembled afterwards. All by this supposed giant under water factory of the Atlantic. Supposedly, one reason for changes is that ships with different shapes serve different purposes and that being shot down enough times by us over the last 70 years has necessitated the use of more pilotless drones. I have no idea if there's any validity to the claims, but it's the first time I've ever heard an explanation that ties together all these different sightings.

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u/CurrentlyHuman avatar
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3y ago
Bright Moon Pearl. If it's not fiction it's mind-blowing.

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u/Revolutionary-Box404 avatar
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If helps at all, I've seen the bottom part of a classical looking flying disk last April.

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TheFirsttimmyboy

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Tl;dr

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3y ago
I'll give it a shot.

Whenever someone says "UFO shapes have changed over time," referring to discs, triangles, cigars, etc, they are just spreading another myth because you can find all of the main shapes both recently and throughout history. The only debatable variation of the argument is that details on the UFOs may or may not have changed over time. It's subjective and possibly influenced by technical knowledge the witnesses had in the time period. Human-made aircraft erroneously labeled as UFOs and hoaxes specifically should change over time, but not UFOs in general. Also Kenneth Arnold really did see flying discs as his original drawing to the Army clearly shows, not 9 crescents.

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iSWINE
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3y ago

I've always took that the "changing" of UFO descriptions came from our further understanding of technology at the current peak, not from the UFOs matching our current technological understanding to "stay hidden etc"

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Obviously the aliens are capitalists and get new ships over time.

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With all of the contradictory information out there about Kenneth Arnold, and the fact that his sighting is the first modern UFO report that received widespread publicity (even though UFOs go back at least a thousand years), I think it's important to take a second look at this sighting.

As debunkers always say, memory fades over time, so it's very curious why they go with the latest version of Kenneth Arnold's sighting in order to debunk flying saucers, rather than the earliest information fresh from his memory, which you'd think they would prefer. As the debunker argument goes, Arnold saw 9 crescents and claimed he was misquoted, meaning that the entire flying saucer phenomenon is a result of media hysteria.

Kenneth Arnold actually seems like a textbook example of a person whose memory faded over time. This happens to everyone, some much more significantly than others. This is the exact reason why it's so important to gather information about a witness early, then you have more skepticism of their claims as time goes on. It is expected that the witness's story will change over time, and this seems to be exactly what happened with Arnold. Another curious behavior that I have seen is that debunkers will use a story that changed over time to dismiss the entire story, when in fact this is expected anyway as they themselves claim.

Kenneth Arnold did, in fact, use the terms "saucer" and "disk" early on to describe the shape of the objects he witnessed, and "saucer skipping" described the movement as well. Kenneth Arnold's story went from 9 saucers or disks, to 8 saucers/disks and one possible crescent, then later on it turned into 9 crescents. Just scrap all of that and go with the earliest information and you're good to go.

The timeline:

June 26, 1947, two days after the sighting, Arnold on recorded audio: "They looked something like a pie plate that was cut in half with a convex triangle in the rear." <http://www.konsulting.com/K-Arnold%20Layer-3.WAV> This identically describes his own drawing (see below). You cut a pie plate in half, then add a triangle in the rear. Instead of an entire pie plate, or entire "saucer" if you will, there are two little bits missing.

1947, some one or two weeks after the sighting, Kenneth Arnold creates a drawing, containing a top and side view with a written description, and gives this to the Army. The object looks like 95 percent of a flying saucer: <https://imgur.com/a/ETRRFB1> (two images, one contains red circle added by me)

1952, In Arnold's book *The Coming of the Saucers* page 21 and 22, he says:

For some reason, and I don't know why, I did not tell them that one of the flying disks in the formation I observed appeared different from the rest. In fact, I never even told Doris. I thought it was the angle from which I observed this particular one which made it look different and I wasn't completely positive about it. It was rather odd too, because I kept thinking about this one flying saucer that looked different and I always intended to tell someone about it. <https://archive.org/details/TheComingOfTheSaucers/page/n11/mode/2up>

And this:

According to Jerome Clark, [3][4] Arnold described them as a series of objects with convex shapes, though he later revealed that one object differed by being crescent-shaped. Several years later, Arnold would state he likened their movement to saucers skipping on water, without comparing their actual shapes to saucers, [5] but initial quotes from him do indeed have him comparing the shape to a "saucer", "disc", "pie pan", or "half moon", or generally convex and thin. [2] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kenneth_Arnold_UFO_sighting

1978, February and March, Arnold is interviewed by telephone and now claims he saw nine crescents:

ARNOLD: No, I've seen them seven or eight times, and my first impression is this: The ones that I first reported over Mount Rainier were definitely crescent-shaped type things, with a pulsating thing in the middle of them. <https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwii-uDBgdeBAXxWLYKEHRIbAVcQFnoECBAQAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocuments.theblackvault.com%2Fdocuments%2FMUFON%2Fpratt%2FKennethArnold.pdf&usg=A0vVaw1aIISZhtJ490doSgcwl9lS&opi=89978449>

Conclusion:

Kenneth Arnold probably did see 9 flying saucers/disks, but since the idea of "flying saucers" was not in the media or his head at the time, he had trouble understanding how they could be flying, so he may have incorrectly remembered a tiny bit of "wing" on the saucers, but the accuracy of it still looks like 90-95 percent. Alternatively, perhaps there is a tiny bit of wing on all saucers, but most people think of the object as a perfect saucer, so they are inaccurate by perhaps 5-10 percent.

Regardless of which it is, this crescent myth has been overwhelmingly debunked. It is simply not possible that 9 discs can turn into 8 discs and one possible crescent, then later 9 crescents. For whatever reason, Arnold's story changed over time, and it's clearly obvious that the earliest information is the best.

Alternate Conclusion:

The most common shapes of UFOs is still classified:

<https://www.vice.com/en/article/v7dnex/activist-publishes-redacted-version-of-classified-military-ufo-report>

In addition to that, there are at least 5 sources to confirm the extremely highly classified nature of UFOs, and this extends back at least as early as 1949:

https://np.reddit.com/r/aliens/comments/zp14fk/til_the_united_states_put_cameras_on_the_end_of/j0py7cj/

In this link (PDF), read under "DEVIOUS INTELLIGENCE AGENTS" where Arnold mentions a "threat" he received in 1952.

Kenneth Arnold himself claims he was threatened, but his daughter also said the same in 2011, although pinning down exactly who it was who threatened him was third hand information, and thus useless. However, she says in an interview with Paola Harris:

And of course my mother and my dad, truly I think, felt threatened for the rest of their lives. So I guess that would be one of the reasons he became kind of a recluse and refused to go anywhere and talk about it or anything. I even have a letter in my files written in my mother's own handwriting stating her fear that if they went to a UFO Convention in Mexico their plane might be shot down and both of them killed. Now, looking back on this letter, my mother never did get over being threatened by the government.

<https://paolaharris.com/home-page/interview-of-the-month-kim-arnold>

Did Kenneth Arnold exaggerate a bit over time and warp the story to 9 crescents so the entire phenomenon could be debunked because he felt threatened? I would say probably not, but I can't rule it out. A more reasonable conclusion seems that his memory faded over time, but it does seem rather extreme in this instance. 9 saucers reported initially changed to 9 crescents. Maybe it's just an extreme case of memory distortion over time. Regardless of the cause, the original information from Arnold himself is obviously the most accurate.

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I take a complicated view with Ken Arnold's story that only leaves questions. Although his was the first viral UFO report, hundreds of others reported seeing them too. It was, in many ways, the most important report because it coined the "flying saucer" term and Arnold's credibility was considered solid. So what's my problem?

His detailed account put those objects at least 20 miles away. This is what he wrote on July 8th 1947 (2 weeks later):

I observed them quite plainly, and I estimate my distance from them, which was almost at right angles, to be between twenty to twenty-five miles. I knew they must be very large to observe their shape at that distance, even on as clear a day as it was that Tuesday. In fact I compared a Zeus fastener or cowling tool I had in my pocket with them - holding it up on them and holding it up on the DC-4 - that I could observe at quite a distance to my left, and they seemed smaller than the DC-4; but, I should judge their span would have been as wide as the furthest engines on each side of the fuselage of the DC-4. (source)

20 miles away is 105000ft which is, in altitude terms, more than double what commercial airliners fly at. Even a huge 767 loses details at 50k ft. Imagine it's a clear day and you shade your eyes as you look up at a high altitude jet?

Tiny, right? The SR-71 (wider than a DC-4) went to 85k ft and was practically invisible to the naked eye at that altitude. For his details to be visible the 9 objects would have to have been 3-4 times larger than modern airliners.

Arnold wrote how this lasted no more than 3 minutes and his estimates of speed were over a 1000mph. That would mean the objects travelled over 50 miles (calculator) in that time. It's difficult to imagine 9 fast-moving and shiny objects going unseen (bar Arnold) over such a distance and it suggests the only witness was Ken Arnold.

Did he make up a story that ran away from him? Was he mistaken? Were these objects really there or visionary? Was he the unwitting harbinger of the "summer of saucers" and cast in the role by the phenomenon? I've no idea.

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If you were directly underneath the SR71, and thus only 85,000 feet away, you probably could have made it out if the atmosphere wasn't between you and it, but I'd like a source that says it would be invisible since that isn't easy to locate. Arnold's actual speed estimate of the objects was about 1,800 mph, but he dropped that to 1,200 for the media to be very conservative. 1,200 was still an incredible speed in 1947. If anything, he may have been either a little closer to them than he thought, or they were a little larger than his estimate, or both, or it was entirely accurate. I don't buy the claim that he couldn't see them.

Arnold was at 10,000 feet altitude, as well as the objects, and you can see farther and better at this altitude. Air pollution, for example, decreases as altitude increases. It also depends on the shape of the object and it's orientation. A big round object seen on it's side would be easier to make out compared to an SR71 seen from a steep angle below (where most observers would be, not directly under it) and through the atmosphere. From the wikipedia on the Arnold sighting:

Sometimes he said he could see them on edge when they seemed so thin and flat they were practically invisible.

Also from your link, Arnold says this:

There was a DC-4 to the left and to the rear of me approximately fifteen miles distance, and I should judge, at 14,000 foot elevation.

The claim you're making is that pilots can't clearly make out another aircraft 15-20 miles from them at the same altitude, correct? You're saying the SR71 was invisible at 16 miles (looking straight up and through the atmosphere, however), so it should be fairly easy to ask a pilot whether they can make out the general shape of an aircraft 15-20 miles away from them at the same altitude. Pilots are supposed to have excellent vision, so I would imagine they probably could, but lets ask. We should probably round it down to 10-12 for fairness because we are comparing an almost perfectly round object seen on it's side versus an airplane level with another, and the objects were passing in front of mountains as well, not just sitting in the air.

Kenneth Arnold also wasn't the only witness.

June 24, 1947; Mt. Adams, Wash. (BBU 12) Afternoon. Just about the time that Kenneth Arnold lost sight of his objects, Fred Johnson, listed as a prospector, reported watching five or six disc-shaped craft as they flew over the Cascade Mountains. He said they were round with a slight tail and about 30 feet in

diameter. They were not flying in any sort of formation and as they banked in a turn, the sunlight flashed off them. As they approached, Johnson noticed that his compass began to spin wildly. When the objects finally vanished in the distance, the compass returned to normal.

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Right. I won't get bogged down on this because I didn't say it would be invisible and the distance Arnold described was 105000 feet minimum ("20 to 25 miles"). I used minimums in the comment so as not to load my bases. It would be 135000 feet at 25 miles and I don't know where you got the "15 miles" from. See if this helps you to visualise my point.

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I was using altitude to make it relatable because we all know what a high altitude plane looks like. Tiny! The same plane 20 miles away in any direction, or altitude, will remain very tiny and hard to distinguish the features he described - unless they were much, much larger than DC-4s.

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He was clear in his estimates that the objects were "20 to 25 miles" away so why overrule his account by cutting that distance in half?

If you reread my first comment you should agree that it was accurate in the details and the points being made were fact-based.

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The report was made after Arnold's. There were fewer objects (5-6 not 9) and they were considerably smaller than Arnold's "DC-4" sized objects.

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Ok-Caregiver8239

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Google and check out the wood carving from Nuremberg Germany from like 1560 which clearly shows a UFO fight in the sky with one crashed on the ground with a multitude of people pointing up and looking at the happenings. I'm sure some d***** will say that oh they're just looking at stars okay so they had a star that crashed on the ground by the lake smoking?

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That one, and this one from 1864 (reported in 1865) are the earliest UFO crashes I've come across: <https://www.loc.gov/resource/sn84027008/1865-11-05/ed-1/?sp=3&st=text&clip=31%2C24%2C1009%2C5069&ciw=1009&rot=0>

I'm sure there are probably other old cases.

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6mo ago

This sounds more like he saw a meteor than a UFO.

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MaxDamage75

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By the description it seems he saw 9 Northrop YB-49 . First versions of single wing jets had poor elevation stability so they were flying like skipping stones.

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u/Scrubunit avatar

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2y ago

No way 9 Northrop YB-49s ever flew in formation

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2y ago

Thanks for your work. It might be useful to learn a bit more about how memory works. I'm not an expert, but I have prepared and questioned many of them. Memory isn't perfectly captured like a video that slowly degrades over time. Memory is actually pieces of information reconstructed every time it is recalled. It's never a wholly accurate portrayal. To use the video example, it would only capture a certain angle. A certain context and constraint on information. Now imagine the software on the video player gets upgraded over time and the original file that was compressed to certain important still images that are stitched together is processed by the upgraded software. The playback would change. So it is with a person. As Arnold changed, his memory would change to some degree as well. Many people memorize the story of the events and retell it again and again consistently. This likely means that they aren't actually recalling the event. Just the words. Just the story. The story frames the memory. It isn't actually an objective indicator of increased reliability. It is completely normal for Arnold to think about the images he had in his mind and shape them with his understanding over time. Especially if the recall would merit better contextual acceptance. People don't like being shunned and they don't like states of anxiety. They don't just give into pressure, they literally reshape the events in their minds eye to accord with the context. It is unconscious and unavoidable to some degree. That's how we generate ourselves in time. As such, it's true to some extent with all perception. The lags and filters are just different. Evidence from a witness isn't true or false. It is

reliable and valuable within a context of proof. So we as a group do the same thing with testimony as an individual does with memory. We construct a framework of understand and attempt to minimize inaccuracies. As we learn more, we literally perceive more. Our software can build a better model out of the bits of information we have available to us. Minds (individual and/or collective) then shape and process the details. Evidence and proof is an active process shaped by a shared culture of understanding. No class of evidence is per se worthless. It may be suspect, but it depends on other factors to determine how we treat evidence. The same is true of memory, and to lesser degree, perception itself (which includes hands on experience—sorry REAL evidence kooks). Arnold was an impeccable witness. He described what he saw to the best of his ability. Was his understanding of he saw sufficient to provide a perfect description? No. But he always forthrightly did the best he could. He was an honest man who always tried to explain what he observed in very difficult and changing circumstances. The man is a hero.

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Do you know anyone who shares a memory you had 10, 20, or 30 years ago? Compare notes now. There will often be some significant differences, especially if you have them write down their memory and you write down yours, then compare. They can bleed together a bit if you try to recall them both in real time. The more time that passes, the more differences there should be.

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Arnold also went on to research the Maury Island Incident which happened a few days before his sighting and 40 miles to the NW. Whatever he saw stuck with him.

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I always thought he saw some formation of US Mil tech taken from the Nazis. Like a formation of Horton Jets or something Jack Northrup was working on, namely the N-1M flying wing which could have had a jet engine by '47 as he made that in '40. Anyway, just a thought that's always been there for me.

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MyAssDoesHeeHawww

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The little sketch he made was kinda "saucer in the front, crescent in the back".

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Opposite of a crescent if we're being technical, but I laughed way too hard at that.

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Further background on Kenneth Arnold:

Kenneth Arnold's Flying Saucer Philosophy

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Read "Saucers," by Chris Aubeck. He has written the definitive timeline of Kenneth Arnold's statements and when and how he got misquoted in an AP story.

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I'm sure he was misquoted somewhere or whatever, but his original statements directly by Arnold, both his own voice in audio and original drawing/text are available, and they don't match the claim that he saw "9 crescents," so the claim that he saw 9 crescents is false. But thanks for the share. I might pick that up.

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Robert Todd obtained the release of the Bolender memo in Jan 1979. The implications of this memo, issued in order to justify the shutdown of Project Blue Book, is clear, and is found on page 2: "... reports of unidentified flying objects which could affect national security are made in accordance with JANAP 146 or Air Force Manual 55-11, and are not part of the Blue Book system."

Similar statements about UFO reports bypassing the BB system were made in AF documents going back to 1958-61, when similar efforts to justify closure of BB were made then. In an interview on March 16, 2000, retired BB chief Col. Robert J. Friend told me that he knew there were classified intelligence channels for reporting UFO's that completely bypassed BB and he knew of specific UFO cases involving classified sensor systems that were reported that way and never went to him at BB. UFO's were reported to the AF operational commands in accordance the AF's Operational Reporting system, AFOREP, under AF Manual 55-11 of 1965 and predecessors, and this supplanted the UFO reporting directives that had sent UFO reports to BB. However, even the AFOREP system was bypassed when classified sensor systems and missions were involved, as AFM 55-11 itself indicated in para. 3-1-C: "Provisions of the AFOREP [AF Operational Reporting system] are not intended to abrogate major command systems employing advanced automated, online procedures."

The memo also stated that, "After an extensive study of this (Condon Report) report as well as the review of the report by a panel of the National Academy of Sciences, past studies, Project Blue Book operations and other inputs, the Office of Aerospace Research concluded, and we agree, that the continuation of Project Blue Book cannot be justified, either on the ground of national security or in the interest of science."

Not only had the AF's operational reporting procedures bypassed BB already, as mentioned above, but a highly classified AF global sensor system which Gen. Bolender was heavily involved in was about to go operational in 1969-70. This imminent development finally allowed the AF to be able to close down its PR headache Project BB without worrying that some important intelligence data were being lost. The system had long been planned since 1952 as the means to completely replace Project BB with a quantum leap forward into the 21st century with scientific sensor data on UFO's covering the entire earth 24/7 taking the place of unreliable, hit-or-miss anecdotal UFO stories coming from relatively few and very limited scattered locations. But the Top Secret system had run into numerous technical and budgetary obstacles which delayed its initial operational capability for many years, thus giving BB reprieves from closure in the late 50's and early 60's.

There were 16 Attachments to the Bolender Memo. Bob Todd spent years trying to get the AF to find and release them, but the AF totally stonewalled him. Several of the 16 Attachments are already known separately and had been released long before, but several are unknown and not released, several more are not described well enough to identify.

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Hector Quintanilla became chief of Project Blue Book in August 1963

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Project Blue Book was the code name for the systematic study of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) by the United States Air Force from March 1952 to its termination on December 17, 1969. The project, headquartered at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, was initially directed by Captain Edward J. Ruppelt and followed projects of a similar nature such as Project Sign established in 1947, and Project Grudge in 1949. Project Blue Book had two goals, namely, to determine if UFOs were a threat to national security, and to scientifically analyze UFO-related data.

Thousands of UFO reports were collected, analyzed, and filed. As a result of the Condon Report, which concluded that the study of UFOs was unlikely to yield major scientific discoveries, and a review of the report by the National Academy of Sciences, Project Blue Book was terminated in 1969. The Air Force supplies the following summary of its investigations:

No UFO reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force was ever an indication of threat to our national security;
There was no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings

categorized as "unidentified" represented technological developments or principles beyond the range of modern scientific knowledge; and There was no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as "unidentified" were extraterrestrial vehicles.[1]

By the time Project Blue Book ended, it had collected 12,618 UFO reports, and concluded that most of them were misidentifications of natural phenomena (clouds, stars, etc.) or conventional aircraft. According to the National Reconnaissance Office a number of the reports could be explained by flights of the formerly secret reconnaissance planes U-2 and A-12.[2] 701 reports were classified as unexplained, even after stringent analysis.[3] The UFO reports were archived and are available under the Freedom of Information Act, but names and other personal information of all witnesses have been redacted.

Previous projects

See also: Investigation of UFO reports by the United States government
Public USAF UFO studies were first initiated under Project Sign at the end of 1947, following many widely publicized UFO reports (see Kenneth Arnold). Project Sign was initiated specifically at the request of General Nathan F. Twining, chief of the Air Force Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Wright-Patterson was also to be the home of Project Sign and all subsequent official USAF public investigations.

Project Sign was officially inconclusive regarding the cause of the sightings. However, according to U.S. Air Force Captain Edward J. Ruppelt, the first director of Project Blue Book, Sign's initial intelligence estimate – the so-called Estimate of the Situation – written in the late summer of 1948, concluded that the flying saucers were real craft, were not made by either the Soviet Union or United States, and were likely extraterrestrial in origin. (See also Extraterrestrial UFO hypothesis.) This was subsequently rejected by Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg, U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff, citing a lack of physical proof. Vandenberg subsequently dismantled Project Sign.[4]

Project Sign was succeeded at the end of 1948 by Project Grudge, which was criticized as having a debunking mandate. Ruppelt referred to the era of Project Grudge as the "dark ages" of early USAF UFO investigation. Grudge concluded that all UFOs were natural phenomena or other misinterpretations, although it also stated that 23 percent of the reports could not be explained.

Project Blue Book history

Captain Ruppelt era

According to Captain Edward J. Ruppelt, by the end of 1951, several high-ranking, very influential USAF generals were so dissatisfied with the state of Air Force UFO investigations that they dismantled Project Grudge and replaced it with Project Blue Book in March 1952. One of these men was Gen. Charles P. Cabell. Another important change came when General William Garland joined Cabell's staff; Garland thought the UFO question deserved serious scrutiny because he had witnessed a UFO.[5]

The new name, Project Blue Book, was selected to refer to the blue booklets used for testing at some colleges and universities. The name was inspired, said Ruppelt, by the close attention that high-ranking officers were giving the new project; it felt as if the study of UFOs was as important as a college final exam. Blue Book was also upgraded in status from Project Grudge, with the creation of the Aerial Phenomenon Branch.[6]

Ruppelt was the first head of the project. He was an experienced airman, having been decorated for his efforts with the Army Air Corps during World War II, and having afterward earned an aeronautics degree. He officially coined the term "Unidentified Flying Object", to replace the many terms ("flying saucer", "flying disk" and so on) the military had previously used; Ruppelt thought that "unidentified flying object" was a more neutral and accurate term. Ruppelt resigned from the Air Force some years later and wrote the book *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*, which described the study of UFOs by the United States Air Force from 1947 to 1955. American scientist Michael D. Swords wrote

that "Ruppelt would lead the last genuine effort to analyze UFOs".[7]

Ruppelt implemented a number of changes: He streamlined the manner in which UFOs were reported to (and by) military officials, partly in hopes of alleviating the stigma and ridicule associated with UFO witnesses. Ruppelt also ordered the development of a standard questionnaire for UFO witnesses, hoping to uncover data that could be subject to statistical analysis. He commissioned the Battelle Memorial Institute to create the questionnaire and computerize the data. Using case reports and the computerized data, Battelle then conducted a massive scientific and statistical study of all Air Force UFO cases, completed in 1954 and known as "Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14" (see summary below).

Knowing that factionalism had harmed the progress of Project Sign, Ruppelt did his best to avoid the kinds of open-ended speculation that had led to Sign's personnel being split among advocates and critics of the extraterrestrial UFO hypothesis. As Michael Hall writes, "Ruppelt not only took the job seriously but expected his staff to do so as well. If anyone under him either became too skeptical or too convinced of one particular theory, they soon found themselves off the project".[8] In his book, Ruppelt reported that he fired three personnel very early in the project because they were either "too pro" or "too con" one hypothesis or another. Ruppelt sought the advice of many scientists and experts, and issued regular press releases (along with classified monthly reports for military intelligence).

Each U.S. Air Force Base had a Blue Book officer to collect UFO reports and forward them to Ruppelt.[9] During most of Ruppelt's tenure, he and his team were authorized to interview any and all military personnel who witnessed UFOs and were not required to follow the chain of command. This unprecedented authority underlined the seriousness of Blue Book's investigation.

Under Ruppelt's direction, Blue Book investigated a number of well-known UFO cases, including the so-called Lubbock Lights, and a widely publicized 1952 radar/visual case over Washington, D.C. According to Jacques Vallée,[10] Ruppelt started the trend, largely followed by later Blue Book investigations, of not giving serious consideration to numerous reports of UFO landings and/or interaction with purported UFO occupants.

Astronomer J. Allen Hynek was the scientific consultant of the project. He had been with Projects Sign and Grudge. He worked for the project up to its termination and initially created the categorization which has been extended and is known today as Close encounters. He was a pronounced skeptic when he started, but said that his feelings changed to a more wavering skepticism during the research, after encountering a minority of UFO reports he thought were unexplainable.

Ruppelt left Blue Book in February 1953 for a temporary reassignment. He returned a few months later to find his staff reduced from more than ten, to two subordinates. Frustrated, Ruppelt suggested that an Air Defense Command unit (the 4602nd Air Intelligence Service Squadron) be charged with UFO investigations.

Robertson Panel

Main article: Robertson Panel

In July 1952, after a build-up of hundreds of sightings over the previous few months, a series of radar detections coincident with visual sightings were observed near the National Airport in Washington, D.C.

After much publicity, these sightings led the Central Intelligence Agency to establish a panel of scientists headed by H. P. Robertson, a physicist of the California Institute of Technology, which included various physicists, meteorologists, and engineers, and one astronomer (Hynek). The Robertson Panel first met on January 14, 1953 in order to formulate a response to the overwhelming public interest in UFOs.

Ruppelt, Hynek, and others presented the best evidence, including movie footage, that had been collected by Blue Book. After spending 12 hours reviewing six years of data, the Robertson Panel concluded that most UFO reports had prosaic explanations and that all could be explained with further investigation, which they deemed not worth the effort.

In their final report, they stressed that low-grade, unverifiable UFO reports were overloading intelligence channels, with the risk of missing a genuine conventional threat to the U.S. Therefore, they recommended the Air Force de-emphasize the subject of UFOs and embark on a debunking campaign to lessen public interest. They suggested debunkery through the mass media, including Walt Disney Productions, and using psychologists, astronomers, and celebrities to ridicule the phenomenon and put forward prosaic explanations.[11] Furthermore, civilian UFO groups "should be watched because of their potentially great influence on mass thinking ... The apparent irresponsibility and the possible use of such groups for subversive purposes should be kept in mind." [citation needed]

It is the conclusion of many researchers[9][12] that the Robertson Panel was recommending controlling public opinion through a program of official propaganda and spying. They also believe these recommendations helped shape Air Force policy regarding UFO study not only immediately afterward, but also into the present day. There is evidence that the Panel's recommendations were being carried out at least two decades after its conclusions were issued (see the main article for details and citations).

In December 1953, Joint Army-Navy-Air Force Regulation number 146 made it a crime for military personnel to discuss classified UFO reports with unauthorized persons. Violators faced up to two years in prison and/or fines of up to \$10,000.

Aftermath of Robertson Panel
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Air Force Regulation 200-2, Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting

In his book (see external links) Ruppelt described the demoralization of the Blue Book staff and the stripping of their investigative duties following the Robertson Panel jurisdiction.

As an immediate consequence of the Robertson Panel recommendations, in February 1953, the Air Force issued Regulation 200-2, ordering air base officers to publicly discuss UFO incidents only if they were judged to have been solved, and to classify all the unsolved cases to keep them out of the public eye.

The same month, investigative duties started to be taken on by the newly formed 4602nd Air Intelligence Squadron (AISS) of the Air Defense Command. The 4602nd AISS was assigned the task of investigating only the most important UFO cases with intelligence or national security implications. These cases were deliberately siphoned away from Blue Book, leaving Blue Book to deal with the more trivial reports.

General Nathan F. Twining, who started Project Sign in 1947, was now Air Force Chief of Staff. In August 1954, he was to further codify the responsibilities of the 4602nd AISS by issuing an updated Air Force Regulation 200-2. In addition, UFOs (called "UFOB's") were defined as "any airborne object which by performance, aerodynamic characteristics, or unusual features, does not conform to any presently known aircraft or missile type, or which cannot be positively identified as a familiar object." Investigation of UFOs was stated to be for the purposes of national security and to ascertain "technical aspects." AFR 200-2

again stated that Blue Book could discuss UFO cases with the media only if they were regarded as having a conventional explanation. If they were unidentified, the media were to be told only that the situation was being analyzed. Blue Book was also ordered to reduce the number of unidentified to a minimum.

All this work was done secretly. The public face of Blue Book continued to be the official Air Force investigation of UFOs, but the reality was it had essentially been reduced to doing very few serious investigations and had become almost solely a public relations outfit with a debunking mandate. To cite one example, by the end of 1956, the number of cases listed as unsolved had dipped to barely 0.4 percent, from 20 to 30% only a few years earlier.

Eventually, Ruppelt requested reassignment; at his departure in August 1953, his staff had been reduced from more than ten (precise numbers of personnel varied) to just Ruppelt and two subordinates. His temporary replacement was a non-commissioned officer. Most who succeeded him as Blue Book director exhibited either apathy or outright hostility to the subject of UFOs or were hampered by a lack of funding and official support.

UFO investigators often regard Ruppelt's brief tenure at Blue Book as the high-water mark of public Air Force investigations of UFOs, when UFO investigations were treated seriously and had support at high levels.[12] Thereafter, Project Blue Book descended into a new "Dark Ages" from which many UFO investigators argue it never emerged.[12] However, Ruppelt later came to embrace the Blue Book perspective that there was nothing extraordinary about UFOs; he even labeled the subject a "Space Age Myth".

Captain Hardin era

In March 1954, Captain Charles Hardin was appointed the head of Blue Book; however, the 4602nd conducted most UFO investigations, and Hardin did not object. Ruppelt wrote that Hardin "thinks that anyone who is even interested [in UFOs] is crazy. They bore him." [13]

In 1955, the Air Force decided that the goal of Blue Book should not be to investigate UFO reports but to minimize the number of unidentified UFO reports. By late 1956, the number of unidentified sightings had dropped from the 20-25% of the Ruppelt era to less than 1%.

Captain Gregory era

Captain George T. Gregory took over as Blue Book's director in 1956. Clark writes that Gregory led Blue Book "in an even firmer anti-UFO direction than the apathetic Hardin." [13] The 4602nd was dissolved, and the 1066th Air Intelligence Service Squadron was charged with UFO investigations.

In fact, there was actually little or no investigation of UFO reports; a revised AFR 200-2 issued during Gregory's tenure emphasized that unexplained UFO reports must be reduced to a minimum.

One way that Gregory reduced the number of unexplained UFOs was by simple reclassification. "Possible cases" became "probable", and "probable" cases were upgraded to certainties. By this logic, a possible comet became a probable comet, while a probable comet was flatly declared to have been a misidentified comet. Similarly, if a witness reported an observation of an unusual balloon-like object, Blue Book usually classified it as a balloon, with no research and qualification. These procedures became standard for most of Blue Book's later investigations; see Hynek's comments below.

Major Friend era

Lt. Col. Robert J. Friend was appointed the head of Blue Book in 1958. Friend made some attempts to reverse the direction Blue Book had taken since 1954. Clark writes that "Friend's efforts to upgrade the files and catalog sightings according to various observed statistics were frustrated by a lack of funding and assistance." [13]

Heartened by Friend's efforts, Hynek organized the first of several meetings between Blue Book staffers and ATIC personnel in 1959. Hynek suggested that some older UFO reports should be reevaluated, with the ostensible aim of moving them from the "unknown" to the "identified" category. Hynek's plans came to naught.

During Friend's tenure, ATIC contemplated passing the oversight of Blue Book to another Air Force agency, but neither the Air Research and Development Center nor the Office of Information for the Secretary of the Air Force was interested.

In 1960, there were U.S. Congressional hearings regarding UFOs. Civilian UFO research group National Investigations Committee On Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) had publicly charged Blue Book with covering up UFO evidence and had also acquired a few allies in the U.S. Congress. Blue Book was investigated by the Congress and the CIA, with critics – most notably, the civilian UFO group NICAP[12] asserting that Blue Book was lacking as a scientific study. In response, ATIC added personnel (increasing the total personnel to three military personnel, plus civilian secretaries) and increased Blue Book's budget. This seemed to mollify some of Blue Book's critics,[12] but it was only temporary. A few years later (see below), the criticism would be even louder.

By the time he was transferred from Blue Book in 1963, Friend thought that Blue Book was effectively useless and ought to be dissolved, even if it caused an outcry amongst the public.[citation needed]

Major Quintanilla era

Major Hector Quintanilla took over as Blue Book's leader in August 1963. He largely continued the debunking efforts, and it was under his direction that Blue Book received some of its sharpest criticism. UFO researcher Jerome Clark goes so far as to write that, by this time, Blue Book had "lost all credibility." [14]

Physicist and UFO researcher James E. McDonald once flatly declared that Quintanilla was "not competent" from either a scientific or an investigative perspective,[15] although he also stressed that Quintanilla "shouldn't be held accountable for it," as he was chosen for his position by a superior officer, and was following orders in directing Blue Book.[15]

Blue Book's explanations of UFO reports were not universally accepted, however, and critics – including some scientists – suggested that Project Blue Book performed questionable research or, worse, was perpetrating cover-up.[12] This criticism grew especially strong and widespread in the 1960s.

Take, for example, the many mostly nighttime UFO reports from the midwestern and southeastern United States in the summer of 1965: Witnesses in Texas reported "multicolored lights" and large aerial objects shaped like eggs or diamonds.[12] The Oklahoma Highway Patrol reported that Tinker Air Force Base (near Oklahoma City) had tracked up to four UFOs simultaneously, and that several of them had descended very rapidly: from about 22000 feet to about 4000 feet in just a few seconds,[12] an action well beyond the capabilities of conventional aircraft of the era. John Shockley, a meteorologist from Wichita, Kansas, reported that, using the state Weather Bureau radar, he tracked a number of odd aerial objects flying at altitudes between about 6000 and 9000 feet.[12] These and other reports received wide publicity.

Project Blue Book officially determined[12] the witnesses had mistaken Jupiter or bright stars (such as Rigel or Betelgeuse) for something else.

Blue Book's explanation was widely criticized as inaccurate. Robert Riser, director of the Oklahoma Science and Art Foundation Planetarium offered a strongly worded rebuke of Project Blue Book that was widely circulated: "That is as far from the truth as you can get. These stars and planets are on the opposite side of the earth from Oklahoma City at this time of year. The Air Force must have had its star finder upside-down during August".[12]

A newspaper editorial from the Richmond News Leader opined that "Attempts to dismiss the reported sightings under the rationale as exhibited by Project Bluebook [sic] won't solve the mystery ... and serve only to heighten the suspicion that there's something out there that the air force doesn't want us to know about", [12] while a Wichita-based UPI reporter noted that "Ordinary radar does not pick up planets and stars". [12]

Another case that Blue Book's critics seized upon was the so-called Portage County UFO Chase, which began at about 5 a.m., near Ravenna, Ohio on April 17, 1966. Police officers Dale Spaur and Wilbur Neff spotted what they described as a disc-shaped, silvery object with a bright light emanating from its underside, at about 1000 feet in altitude. [12] They began following the object (which they reported sometimes descended as low as 50 feet), and police from several other jurisdictions were involved in the pursuit. The chase ended about 30 minutes later near Freedom, Pennsylvania, some 85 miles away.

The UFO chase made national news, and the police submitted detailed reports to Blue Book. Five days later, following brief interviews with only one of the police officers (but none of the other ground witnesses), Blue Book's director, Major Hector Quintanilla, announced their conclusions: The police (one of them an Air Force gunner during the Korean War) had first chased a communications satellite, then the planet Venus.

This conclusion was widely derided, [12] and police officers strenuously rejected it. In his dissenting conclusion, Hynek described Blue Book's conclusions as absurd: in their reports, several of the police had unknowingly described the Moon, Venus and the UFO, though they unknowingly described Venus as a bright "star" very near the Moon. Ohio Congressman William Stanton said that "The Air Force has suffered a great loss of prestige in this community ... Once people entrusted with the public welfare no longer think the people can handle the truth, then the people, in return, will no longer trust the government".

In September 1968, Hynek received a letter from Colonel Raymond Sleeper of the Foreign Technology Division. Sleeper noted that Hynek had publicly accused Blue Book of shoddy science, and further asked Hynek to offer advice on how Blue Book could improve its scientific methods. Hynek was to later declare that Sleeper's letter was "the first time in my 20 year association with the air force as scientific consultant that I had been officially asked for criticism and advice [regarding] ... the UFO problem". [16]

Hynek wrote a detailed response, dated October 7, 1968, suggesting several areas where Blue Book could improve. In part, he wrote:

... neither of the two missions of Blue Book [determining if UFOs are a threat to national security and using scientific data gathered by Blue Book] are being adequately executed.

The staff of Blue Book, both in numbers and in scientific training, is grossly inadequate ...

Blue Book suffers ... in that it is a closed system ... there is virtually no scientific dialogue between Blue Book and the outside scientific world ...

The statistical methods employed by Blue Book are nothing less than a travesty. There has been a lack of attention to significant UFO cases ... and too much time spent on routine cases ... and on peripheral public relations tasks.

Concentration could be on two or three potentially scientifically significant cases per month [instead of being] spread thin over 40 to 70 cases per month.

The information input to Blue Book is grossly inadequate. An impossible load is placed on Blue Book by the almost consistent failure of UFO officers at local air bases to transmit adequate information ...

The basic attitude and approach within Blue Book is illogical and unscientific ...

Inadequate use had been made of the Project scientific consultant [Hynek]. Only cases that the project monitor deems worthwhile are brought to his attention. His scope of operation ... has been consistently thwarted ... He often learns of interesting cases only a month or two after the receipt of the report at Blue

Book.[17]

Despite Sleeper's request for criticism, none of Hynek's commentary resulted in any substantial changes in Blue Book.

Quintanilla's own perspective on the project is documented in his manuscript, "UFOs, An Air Force Dilemma." Lt. Col Quintanilla wrote the manuscript in 1975, but it was not published until after his death in 1998. Quintanilla stated in the text that he personally believed it arrogant to think human beings were the only intelligent life in the universe. Yet, while he found it highly likely that intelligent life existed beyond Earth, he had no hard evidence of any extraterrestrial visitation.[18]

Congressional hearing

In 1966, a string of UFO sightings in Massachusetts and New Hampshire provoked a Congressional Hearing by the House Committee on Armed Services.[19] According to attachments to the hearing, the Air Force had at first stated that the sightings were the result of a training exercise happening in the area.[20] But NICAP, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, reported that there was no record of a plane flying at the time the sightings occurred.[21] Another report alleged that the UFO was actually a flying billboard advertising gasoline.[22] Raymond Fowler (of NICAP) added his own interviews with the locals, who saw Air Force officers confiscating newspapers with the story of UFOs and telling them not to report what they had seen.[23] Two police officers who had witnessed the UFOs, Eugene Bertrand and David Hunt, wrote a letter to Major Quintanilla stating that they felt their reputations were destroyed by the Air Force. "It was impossible to mistake what we saw for any kind of military operation, regardless of altitude," the irritated officers wrote, adding that there was no way it could have been a balloon or helicopter.[24] According to Secretary Harold Brown of the Air Force, Blue Book consisted of three steps: investigation, analysis, and the distribution of information gathered to interested parties.[25] After Brown gave permission, the press were invited into the hearing.[26] By the time of the hearing, Blue Book had identified and explained 95% of the reported UFO sightings. None of these were extraterrestrial or a threat to national security.[27] Brown himself proclaimed, "I know of no one of scientific standing or executive standing with a detailed knowledge of this, in our organization who believes that they came from extraterrestrial sources." [27] J. Allen Hynek, a science consultant to Blue Book, suggested in an unedited statement that a "civilian panel of physical and social scientists" be formed "for the express purpose of determining whether a major problem really exist" in regards to UFOs.[28] Hynek remarked that he has "not seen any evidence to confirm" extraterrestrials, "nor do I know any competent scientist who has, or who believes that any kind of extraterrestrial intelligence is involved." [29]

Condon Committee

Main article: Condon Committee

Criticism of Blue Book continued to grow through the mid-1960s. NICAP's membership ballooned to about 15,000, and the group charged the U.S. Government with a cover-up of UFO evidence.

Following U.S. Congressional hearings, the Condon Committee was established in 1966, ostensibly as a neutral scientific research body. However, the Committee became mired in controversy, with some members charging director Edward U. Condon with bias, and critics would question the validity and the scientific rigor of the Condon Report.

In the end, the Condon Committee suggested that there was nothing extraordinary about UFOs, and while it left a minority of cases unexplained, the report also argued that further research would not be likely to yield significant results.

End

In response to the Condon Committee's conclusions, Secretary of the Air Force Robert C. Seamans, Jr. announced that Blue Book would soon be closed because further funding "cannot be justified either on the grounds of national security or in the interest of science." [30] The last publicly acknowledged day of Blue

Book operations was December 17, 1969. However, researcher Brad Sparks,[31] citing research from the May 1970 issue of NICAP's UFO Investigator, reports that the last day of Blue Book activity was actually January 30, 1970. According to Sparks, Air Force officials wanted to keep the Air Force's reaction to the UFO problem from overlapping into a fourth decade, and thus altered the date of Blue Book's closure in official files.

Blue Book's files were sent to the Air Force Archives at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. Major David Shea was to later claim that Maxwell was chosen because it was "accessible yet not too inviting." [30]

Ultimately, Project Blue Book stated that UFO sightings were generated as a result of:

A mild form of mass hysteria.

Individuals who fabricate such reports to perpetrate a hoax or seek publicity.

Psychopathological persons.

Misidentification of various conventional objects.

In April 2003, the USAF publicly indicated that there were no immediate plans to re-establish any official government UFO study programs.[32] However, in December 2017 it was disclosed that a new secret UFO study titled the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP) was funded at 22 million dollars from 2007 to 2012.[33]

USAF official statement on UFOs

Below is the United States Air Force's official statement regarding UFOs, as noted in USAF Fact Sheet 95-03:[32]

From 1947 to 1969, the Air Force investigated Unidentified Flying Objects under Project Blue Book. The project, headquartered at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, was terminated on December 17, 1969. Of a total of 12,618 sightings reported to Project Blue Book, 701 remained "unidentified."

The decision to discontinue UFO investigations was based on an evaluation of a report prepared by the University of Colorado, titled "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects"; a review of the University of Colorado's report by the National Academy of Sciences; previous UFO studies and Air Force experience investigating UFO reports during 1940 to 1969.

As a result of these investigations, studies and experience gained from investigating UFO reports since 1948, the conclusions of Project Blue Book were:

No UFO reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of threat to our national security.

There has been no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as "unidentified" represent technological developments or principles beyond the range of present-day scientific knowledge.

There has been no evidence indicating the sightings categorized as "unidentified" are extraterrestrial vehicles.

With the termination of Project Blue Book, the Air Force regulation establishing and controlling the program for investigating and analyzing UFOs was rescinded. Documentation regarding the former Blue Book investigation was permanently transferred to the Modern Military Branch, National Archives and Records Service, and is available for public review and analysis.

Since the termination of Project Blue Book, nothing has occurred that would support a resumption of UFO investigations by the Air Force.

There are a number of universities and professional scientific organizations that have considered UFO phenomena during periodic meetings and seminars. A list of private organizations interested in aerial phenomena may be found in "Encyclopaedia of Associations", published by Gale Research. Interest in and timely review of UFO reports by private groups ensures that sound evidence is not overlooked by the scientific community. Persons wishing to report UFO

sightings should be advised to contact local law enforcement agencies.

Post-Blue Book U.S.A.F. UFO activities

An Air Force memorandum (released via the Freedom of Information Act) dated October 20, 1969, and signed by Brigadier General Carroll H. "Rip" Bolender (the Deputy Director of Development and Acquisitions under the Air Force's Deputy Chief of Staff, Research and Development) states that even after Blue Book was dissolved, that "reports of UFOs" would still "continue to be handled through the standard Air Force procedure designed for this purpose." Furthermore, wrote Bolender, "Reports of unidentified flying objects which could affect national security ... are not part of the Blue Book system." [34] To date, these other investigation channels, agencies or groups (and Bolender's involvement therein) are unknown. Upon drafting the memo, Bolender, who assumed his generalship in 1965, had recently completed a detached tour as Program Manager for Lunar Excursion Module Operations in the Apollo program, likely reporting to fellow detached Air Force officer Samuel C. Phillips. He would continue to serve in this position and rank until he retired from the Air Force in 1972. [35]

Additionally, author Howard Blum reports [9] that Freedom of Information Act requests show that the U.S. Air Force has continued to catalog and track UFO sightings, particularly a series of dozens of UFO encounters from the late 1960s to the mid-1970s that occurred at U.S. military facilities with nuclear weapons. Blum writes that some of these official documents depart drastically from the normally dry and bureaucratic wording of government paperwork, making obvious the sense of "terror" that these UFO incidents inspired in many U.S.A.F. personnel.

Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14

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In late December 1951, Ruppelt met with members of the Battelle Memorial Institute, a think tank based in Columbus, Ohio. Ruppelt wanted their experts to assist them in making the Air Force UFO study more scientific. It was the Battelle Institute that devised the standardized reporting form. Starting in late March 1952, the Institute started analyzing existing sighting reports and encoding about 30 report characteristics onto IBM punched cards for computer analysis.

Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14 was their massive statistical analysis of Blue Book cases to date, some 3200 by the time the report was completed in 1954, after Ruppelt had left Blue Book. Even today, it represents the largest such study ever undertaken. Battelle employed four scientific analysts, who sought to divide cases into "knowns", "unknowns", and a third category of "insufficient information." They also broke down knowns and unknowns into four categories of quality, from excellent to poor. E.g., cases deemed excellent might typically involve experienced witnesses such as airline pilots or trained military personnel, multiple witnesses, corroborating evidence such as radar contact or photographs, etc. In order for a case to be deemed a "known", only two analysts had to independently agree on a solution. However, for a case to be called an "unknown", all four analysts had to agree. Thus the criterion for an "unknown" was quite stringent.

In addition, sightings were broken down into six different characteristics—color, number, duration of observation, brightness, shape, and speed and then these characteristics were compared between knowns and unknowns to see if there was a statistically significant difference.

The main results of the statistical analysis were:

About 69% of the cases were judged known or identified (38% were considered conclusively identified while 31% were still "doubtfully" explained); about 9%

fell into insufficient information. About 22% were deemed "unknown", down from the earlier 28% value of the Air Force studies.

In the known category, 86% of the knowns were aircraft, balloons, or had astronomical explanations. Only 1.5% of all cases were judged to be psychological or "crackpot" cases. A "miscellaneous" category comprised 8% of all cases and included possible hoaxes.

The higher the quality of the case, the more likely it was to be classified unknown. 35% of the excellent cases were deemed unknowns, as opposed to only 18% of the poorest cases.

(More detailed statistics can be found at Identification studies of UFOs.)

Despite this, the summary section of the Battelle Institute's final report declared it was "highly improbable that any of the reports of unidentified aerial objects ... represent observations of technological developments outside the range of present-day knowledge." A number of researchers, including Bruce Maccabee, who extensively reviewed the data, have noted that the conclusions of the analysts were usually at odds with their own statistical results, displayed in 240 charts, tables, graphs and maps. Some conjecture that the analysts may simply have had trouble accepting their own results or may have written the conclusions to satisfy the new political climate within Blue Book following the Robertson Panel.

When the Air Force finally made Special Report #14 public in October 1955, it was claimed that the report scientifically proved that UFOs did not exist. Critics of this claim note that the report actually proved that the "unknowns" were distinctly different from the "knowns" at a very high statistical significance level. The Air Force also incorrectly claimed that only 3% of the cases studied were unknowns, instead of the actual 22%. They further claimed that the residual 3% would probably disappear if more complete data were available. Critics counter that this ignored the fact that the analysts had already thrown such cases into the category of "insufficient information", whereas both "knowns" and "unknowns" were deemed to have sufficient information to make a determination. Also, the "unknowns" tended to represent the higher quality cases, q.e. reports that already had better information and witnesses.

The result of the monumental BMI study was echoed by a 1979 French GEPAN report, which stated that about a quarter of over 1,600 closely studied UFO cases defied explanation, stating, in part, "These cases ... pose a real question." [36] When GEPAN's successor SEPRA closed in 2004, 5800 cases had been analyzed, and the percentage of inexplicable unknowns had dropped to about 14%. The head of SEPRA, Jean-Jacques Velasco [fr], found the evidence of extraterrestrial origins so convincing in these remaining unknowns, that he wrote a book about it in 2005.

Criticism

Hynek was an associate member of the Robertson Panel, which recommended that UFOs needed debunking. A few years later, however, Hynek claimed that Air Force personnel were indifferent, incompetent, and conducted shoddy research. Hynek notes that during its existence, critics dubbed Blue Book "The Society for the Explanation of the Uninvestigated." [37] Regarding Ruppelt, Hynek wrote, "In my contacts with him I found him to be honest and seriously puzzled about the whole phenomenon," [38] and of Friend he wrote, "Of all the officers I worked with in Blue Book, Colonel Friend earned my respect [and] conducted himself with dignity and a total lack of the bombast that characterized several of the other Blue Book heads." [39] Hynek claimed that Quintanilla "disregard[ed] any evidence that was counter to his hypothesis." [40] Hynek also reported bitter exchanges with Moody, describing Moody as "the master of the possible: possible balloon, possible aircraft, possible birds, which then became, by his own hand (and I argued with him violently at times) the probable."

Author and columnist Robert Sheaffer has written that Project Blue Book "amassed 12,618 reports, and none of them amounted to anything significant, or added to our knowledge of any subject, even after more than 50 years of investigation." [41]

Project Blue Book in fiction

Project UFO

Jack Webb produced and narrated Project U.F.O., a 1978-1979 television series based on Project Blue Book (though shifting the investigation to the present day rather than its original 1950s-1960s era.)[citation needed]

The series followed two Air Force investigators, William Jordan as Major Jake Gatlin (replaced in the second season by Edward Winter as Major Ben Ryan), and Caskey Swaim as Staff Sergeant (later Technical Sergeant) Harry Fitz, covering a wide variety of UFO incidents.[citation needed]

A former Project Blue Book officer served as the technical advisor for the series. Each episode ended with the following statement superimposed over the U.S. Air Force service mark: "The United States Air Force, after twenty-two years of investigations, concluded that none of the unidentified flying objects reported and evaluated posed a threat to our national security."[citation needed]

Twin Peaks

Project Blue Book played a major role in the second season of the 1990-1991 television series Twin Peaks. Major Garland Briggs, an Air Force officer who worked on the program, approaches protagonist Dale Cooper and reveals that Cooper's name turned up in an otherwise nonsensical radio transmission intercepted by the Air Force, which inexplicably originated from the woods surrounding the town of Twin Peaks. As the season progresses, it is revealed that the source of the transmission is the transdimensional realm of the Black Lodge, inhabited by beings which feed on the human emotions of pain and suffering; it eventually comes out that Briggs worked with Cooper's rival, corrupt FBI agent Windom Earle, on Project Blue Book, and that the two men apparently uncovered evidence of the Lodge during the course of their work.

Galactica 1980

Every episode of the original Battlestar Galactica spin-off series Galactica 1980 ended with a short statement about the U.S. Air Force's 1969 Project Blue Book findings that UFOs are not proven to exist and "are not a threat to national security".

Project Blue Book (2019)

Project Blue Book is the inspiration for the drama series Project Blue Book, which began airing on the History Channel in January 2019.[42]

See also

Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program – U.S. program to study UFOs (2007-2012)

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Mick West is making the rounds this morning about the report

My local news channel, WGN Morning News, is teasing an upcoming interview with
him. It should be really interesting to see what he says about it.

The one ray of hope about it is one of the anchors, Larry Potash, has shown
legit interest in the UAP/UFO subject. While it's doubtful that they get into
any legitimate discussion about it because it's a quick, "fluff" interview
buried on a Friday morning news show.

I'm hoping I catch the interview before I have to take my kids to school.

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Comments Section

u/MKULTRA_Escapee avatar

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I really like the wording in the report "balloon-like entities." Anyone who draws the conclusion that an object's similarity to a balloon means it's a balloon could be mistaken here. West uses the wording "163 Balloons," but he really means 163 balloons/ balloon-like entities.

OVNI enviando Señales Guadalajara Mex 04/07/2014: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xCR8MfLumoc>

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u/Express-Thing2354 avatar
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Do you think the la bruja could be considered a balloon entity?

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Vetersova

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I'm not MK, but given the vagueness of the wording makes me lean towards yeah.

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u/croninsiglos avatar
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This is true, the report calls it out:

Initial characterization does not mean positively resolved or unidentified. This initial characterization better enables AARO and ODNI to efficiently and effectively leverage resources against the remaining 171 uncharacterized and unattributed UAP reports.

However, it does effectively mean that those balloon-like objects being pushed to the side to focus on the ones that aren't obviously balloon-like.

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Loquebantur

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"Modern" radar is essentially doing spectral analysis on the objects it scans (restricted by the frequency range the emitter produces). It can identify commonly occurring objects based on their surface's (penetration depth depends on material) chemical composition. It also does Doppler shift analysis and can get the velocity vector relative to the radar emitter.

Thereby it is perfectly capable of identifying a Mylar balloon as such. (And is in particular able to differentiate it from, say, a massive metal ball floating weightlessly in the air, unaffected by wind)

The expected amount of actual Mylar balloons in training ranges should be perfectly well known to the US military (I would guess near zero, otherwise they would be outlawed already). Pilots being surprised by them is wildly unlikely.

The whole smokescreen the DoD is puffing up here is at best ridiculous. At worst, they clearly take their constituency to be comprised of morons or employ such themselves.

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u/gerkletoss avatar

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Almost no radars are capable of anything like this

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The "balloon-like entities" is a new term to me. Is this the first big use of that term?

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bejammin075

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Skeptical "thinking" I have recognized is demonstrably faulty and unscientific when it comes to the related topics of UFOs and psi phenomena. In this interaction with a skeptic I provided decisive peer-reviewed reproducible evidence showing that precognition is real. The skeptical "thinkers" are lazy and unscientific, and typically invoke unfounded conspiracy theories when they actually confront the data that challenges their worldview. Because psi phenomena can be studied under reproducible lab conditions and proven, the reactions by skeptics to this science expose the faulty reasoning that they apply equally to both UFOs and psi phenomena. I believe an understanding of psi phenomena, which is based on the physics of entanglement, helps to understand the UFO phenomena because the physics of psi phenomena are the physics that UFO occupants have fully developed to their advantage. The overly skeptical approach to UFOs, compared to psi phenomena, is a bit more understandable, perhaps, because it is not possible to do controlled studies under laboratory conditions.

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u/MantisAwakening avatar

MantisAwakening

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I agree with you 100%. Here's the thing about people who claim to be skeptics, particularly when it comes to psi phenomenon: they typically start off by claiming there is no evidence, which is an immediate clue that their bias is preventing them from even examining the subject. There's an overwhelming amount of evidence if one takes the time to search for it. The reason why most people aren't aware of it is because it's being actively suppressed by sites like google (Google scholar will typically not show research papers on the subject unless you search for the exact title), and because the skeptics constantly dissuade other people from investigating it through ridicule and ignorance.

Mona Sobhani is a neuroscientist who was converted from a skeptic to a believer, but had to go through multiple rounds of ontological shock and years of skepticism holding her back: <https://psychedelicrenaissance.substack.com/p/the-truth-is-in-the-coffee>

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deion_snaders

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balloon-like entities is meant to cover literally anything that can be balloon-like, like blimps, or a deflated balloon, or groups of balloons. Anything weird

that a balloon can do but is hard to identify as a balloon because we're not close enough to see details.

Deflating balloons are often seen as shapeshifting or morphing UAPs, for example. That would be a balloon-like entity.

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They say balloon like entities because they specifically don't want to say "orbs".

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u/TacohTuesday avatar

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Mick characterizes it as a disappointment and says that it does not reveal any smoking guns. He's not wrong. Others are saying the same.

Chris Mellon also is disappointed, but then he goes on to say "the report reveals major progress in developing an effective government capability for investigating the UAP enigma and kicking down the doors of ignorance that for far too long have prevented progress in understanding the phenomenon"

So in summary:

This report doesn't move the needle with skeptics. No surprise there.

The Chris Mellons of the world see this as a long game, and the report as a small step forward. Ongoing patience will be required.

Also, don't forget that there is a classified version of the report. I'm not sure who has been shown it yet. Presumably, it contains evidence from the cases that were evaluated, including the ones that remain unexplained. Possibly, it contains some juicy photos, videos, etc., maybe some exhibiting the five observables. Who knows. The public probably won't get much if any indication of what that content is. But when the 2021 classified report was viewed by Congress, some walked out of the room seemingly gobsmacked (based on the statements they made and actions they took after).

Bottom line: I don't think a big "reveal" is in the cards in the near-term. There is too much at stake, too many years of strict compartmentalization to overcome, and heavy infighting within government even now. Skeptics are going to remain skeptical until something undeniable slaps them in the face. I still don't know if I will see that in my lifetime, but at least the possibility is increasing that I will.

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Great comment! I agree.

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EDIT - The anchor I mentioned does follow Mick's tweet and asked him about the debunking of faked videos. Mick is mostly talking about UAPs in training area and how anything that pops up in the area the exercise has to be cancelled and a lot of it turns out to be "balloons, specifically mylar reflective balloons".

He did a fair amount of handwaving saying that "most have been explained or misidentification by the TRAINED NAVAL AVIATORS.

It was about what I expected, but not as bad as it could have been. Oh well.

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gregs1020

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balloons, or balloons that are too far away to identify as balloons.

but probably balloons that can be stationary over land and not react to the wind, but when they go east they're just in the wind that they didn't react to before.

so yeah, balloons. /s

it was a joke of a filler segment.

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Did you see it as well? His responses had the feel of, "Not much to see here" He really only talked about the sightings that could be explained while giving a quick, cursory note on the non-explainable ones.

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I saw it. I was a sober analysis of the report that devoid of any details.

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Ah Chicago's very own, probably the best morning show I've come to enjoy lol.

Thanks for the heads up, did they say when the segment will air?

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It really is my favorite too. It aired on Friday. It might be on their website, I'm not sure. It was only about 5 minutes. Hopefully you can find it and judge it for yourself.

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High pitched noise in my ear
So every now and then I hear a quietish, high pitched ringing in my ear. It's never the same ear, and usually one ear at a time and it only happens for a few seconds on the odd occasion that it occurs. Does anyone know what this could mean or what it could be?

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3y ago
Here is the 2011 paper by Daryl Bem on precognition, called "Feeling The Future". It was actually 9 separate studies published together. 8 of the 9 studies were individually statistically significant, and pooled together had odds-by-chance of 74 billion to one.

A few things to note. Bem at this time was a well established psychology researcher for 40 years, publishing out of universities such as Harvard, Stanford, and Cornell. Bem used well-established method in psychology, except for the time-reversal of the stimulus step. There are no issues with the methodology, and the paper was published in one of the top journals in psychology.

An example of one of Bem's nine studies: students quickly memorized a list of words, then took a test for word recall. Then a random number generator selected a subset of words for additional study after the test was over. The words chosen for additional study after the test were recalled statistically significantly higher than the other words.

Good science should be able to be replicated, and Bem's research did replicate very well. In this 2016 meta-analysis of 90 studies using protocols identical or similar to Bem's 2011 paper, Bem's study was replicated in dozens of labs by dozens of independent researchers all over the world.

In the meta-analysis, Table 2 shows differences between some kinds of protocols. Some were characterized as "slow-thinking" and some were characterized as "fast-thinking". The slow-thinking replications were not significant. Pooling together the 61 fast-thinking experiments which did work well, the odds-by-chance was a trillion to one.

By the standards of science and the scientific method, precognition is proven decisively.

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I'm not interested in a paper about students. I want personal, individual proof from someone on this sub making these claims. I don't care about a paper. This could have been doctored by vast number of people that none of us will ever even know. Random chance and such a large pool of people is bunk.

I know you didn't claim personally that you have "powers" but so many on this sub do. So prove it to me. Nobody will even try. Because they're full of shit, or completely delusional.

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In 2011, one of the authors (DJB) published a report of nine experiments in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology purporting to demonstrate that an individual's cognitive and affective responses can be influenced by randomly selected stimulus events that do not occur until after his or her responses have

already been made and recorded, a generalized variant of the phenomenon traditionally denoted by the term precognition. To encourage replications, all materials needed to conduct them were made available on request. We here report a meta-analysis of 90 experiments from 33 laboratories in 14 countries which yielded an overall effect greater than 6 sigma, $z = 6.40$, $p = 1.2 \times 10^{-10}$ with an effect size (Hedges' g) of 0.09. A Bayesian analysis yielded a Bayes Factor of 5.1×10^9 , greatly exceeding the criterion value of 100 for "decisive evidence" in support of the experimental hypothesis. When DJB's original experiments are excluded, the combined effect size for replications by independent investigators is 0.06, $z = 4.16$, $p = 1.1 \times 10^{-5}$, and the BF value is 3,853, again exceeding the criterion for "decisive evidence." The number of potentially unretrieved experiments required to reduce the overall effect size of the complete database to a trivial value of 0.01 is 544, and seven of eight additional statistical tests support the conclusion that the database is not significantly compromised by either selection bias or by intense "p-hacking"-the selective suppression of findings or analyses that failed to yield statistical significance. P-curve analysis, a recently introduced statistical technique, estimates the true effect size of the experiments to be 0.20 for the complete database and 0.24 for the independent replications, virtually identical to the effect size of DJB's original experiments (0.22) and the closely related "presentiment" experiments (0.21). We discuss the controversial status of precognition and other anomalous effects collectively known as psi.

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Project Blue Book was the code name for the systematic study of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) by the United States Air Force from March 1952 to its termination on December 17, 1969. The project, headquartered at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, was initially directed by Captain Edward J. Ruppelt and followed projects of a similar nature such as Project Sign established in 1947, and Project Grudge in 1949. Project Blue Book had two goals, namely, to determine if UFOs were a threat to national security, and to scientifically analyze UFO-related data.

Thousands of UFO reports were collected, analyzed, and filed. As a result of the Condon Report, which concluded that the study of UFOs was unlikely to yield major scientific discoveries, and a review of the report by the National Academy of Sciences, Project Blue Book was terminated in 1969. The Air Force supplies the following summary of its investigations:

No UFO reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force was ever an indication of threat to our national security;

There was no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as "unidentified" represented technological developments or principles beyond the range of modern scientific knowledge; and

There was no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as "unidentified" were extraterrestrial vehicles.[1]

By the time Project Blue Book ended, it had collected 12,618 UFO reports, and concluded that most of them were misidentifications of natural phenomena (clouds, stars, etc.) or conventional aircraft. According to the National Reconnaissance Office a number of the reports could be explained by flights of the formerly secret reconnaissance planes U-2 and A-12.[2] 701 reports were classified as unexplained, even after stringent analysis.[3] The UFO reports were archived and are available under the Freedom of Information Act, but names and other personal information of all witnesses have been redacted.

Previous projects

See also: Investigation of UFO reports by the United States government
Public USAF UFO studies were first initiated under Project Sign at the end of 1947, following many widely publicized UFO reports (see Kenneth Arnold). Project Sign was initiated specifically at the request of General Nathan F. Twining, chief of the Air Force Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Wright-Patterson was also to be the home of Project Sign and all subsequent official USAF public investigations.

Project Sign was officially inconclusive regarding the cause of the sightings. However, according to U.S. Air Force Captain Edward J. Ruppelt, the first director of Project Blue Book, Sign's initial intelligence estimate – the so-called Estimate of the Situation – written in the late summer of 1948, concluded that the flying saucers were real craft, were not made by either the Soviet Union or United States, and were likely extraterrestrial in origin. (See also Extraterrestrial UFO hypothesis.) This was subsequently rejected by Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg, U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff, citing a lack of physical proof. Vandenberg subsequently dismantled Project Sign.[4]

Project Sign was succeeded at the end of 1948 by Project Grudge, which was criticized as having a debunking mandate. Ruppelt referred to the era of Project Grudge as the "dark ages" of early USAF UFO investigation. Grudge concluded that all UFOs were natural phenomena or other misinterpretations, although it also

stated that 23 percent of the reports could not be explained.

Project Blue Book history

Captain Ruppelt era

According to Captain Edward J. Ruppelt, by the end of 1951, several high-ranking, very influential USAF generals were so dissatisfied with the state of Air Force UFO investigations that they dismantled Project Grudge and replaced it with Project Blue Book in March 1952. One of these men was Gen. Charles P. Cabell. Another important change came when General William Garland joined Cabell's staff; Garland thought the UFO question deserved serious scrutiny because he had witnessed a UFO.[5]

The new name, Project Blue Book, was selected to refer to the blue booklets used for testing at some colleges and universities. The name was inspired, said Ruppelt, by the close attention that high-ranking officers were giving the new project; it felt as if the study of UFOs was as important as a college final exam. Blue Book was also upgraded in status from Project Grudge, with the creation of the Aerial Phenomenon Branch.[6]

Ruppelt was the first head of the project. He was an experienced airman, having been decorated for his efforts with the Army Air Corps during World War II, and having afterward earned an aeronautics degree. He officially coined the term "Unidentified Flying Object", to replace the many terms ("flying saucer", "flying disk" and so on) the military had previously used; Ruppelt thought that "unidentified flying object" was a more neutral and accurate term. Ruppelt resigned from the Air Force some years later and wrote the book *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*, which described the study of UFOs by the United States Air Force from 1947 to 1955. American scientist Michael D. Swords wrote that "Ruppelt would lead the last genuine effort to analyze UFOs".[7]

Ruppelt implemented a number of changes: He streamlined the manner in which UFOs were reported to (and by) military officials, partly in hopes of alleviating the stigma and ridicule associated with UFO witnesses. Ruppelt also ordered the development of a standard questionnaire for UFO witnesses, hoping to uncover data that could be subject to statistical analysis. He commissioned the Battelle Memorial Institute to create the questionnaire and computerize the data. Using case reports and the computerized data, Battelle then conducted a massive scientific and statistical study of all Air Force UFO cases, completed in 1954 and known as "Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14" (see summary below).

Knowing that factionalism had harmed the progress of Project Sign, Ruppelt did his best to avoid the kinds of open-ended speculation that had led to Sign's personnel being split among advocates and critics of the extraterrestrial UFO hypothesis. As Michael Hall writes, "Ruppelt not only took the job seriously but expected his staff to do so as well. If anyone under him either became too skeptical or too convinced of one particular theory, they soon found themselves off the project".[8] In his book, Ruppelt reported that he fired three personnel very early in the project because they were either "too pro" or "too con" one hypothesis or another. Ruppelt sought the advice of many scientists and experts, and issued regular press releases (along with classified monthly reports for military intelligence).

Each U.S. Air Force Base had a Blue Book officer to collect UFO reports and forward them to Ruppelt.[9] During most of Ruppelt's tenure, he and his team were authorized to interview any and all military personnel who witnessed UFOs and were not required to follow the chain of command. This unprecedented authority underlined the seriousness of Blue Book's investigation.

Under Ruppelt's direction, Blue Book investigated a number of well-known UFO cases, including the so-called Lubbock Lights, and a widely publicized 1952 radar/visual case over Washington, D.C. According to Jacques Vallée,[10] Ruppelt started the trend, largely followed by later Blue Book investigations, of not giving serious consideration to numerous reports of UFO landings and/or interaction with purported UFO occupants.

Astronomer J. Allen Hynek was the scientific consultant of the project. He had been with Projects Sign and Grudge. He worked for the project up to its termination and initially created the categorization which has been extended and is known today as Close encounters. He was a pronounced skeptic when he started, but said that his feelings changed to a more wavering skepticism during the research, after encountering a minority of UFO reports he thought were unexplainable.

Ruppelt left Blue Book in February 1953 for a temporary reassignment. He returned a few months later to find his staff reduced from more than ten, to two subordinates. Frustrated, Ruppelt suggested that an Air Defense Command unit (the 4602nd Air Intelligence Service Squadron) be charged with UFO investigations.

Robertson Panel

Main article: Robertson Panel

In July 1952, after a build-up of hundreds of sightings over the previous few months, a series of radar detections coincident with visual sightings were observed near the National Airport in Washington, D.C.

After much publicity, these sightings led the Central Intelligence Agency to establish a panel of scientists headed by H. P. Robertson, a physicist of the California Institute of Technology, which included various physicists, meteorologists, and engineers, and one astronomer (Hynek). The Robertson Panel first met on January 14, 1953 in order to formulate a response to the overwhelming public interest in UFOs.

Ruppelt, Hynek, and others presented the best evidence, including movie footage, that had been collected by Blue Book. After spending 12 hours reviewing six years of data, the Robertson Panel concluded that most UFO reports had prosaic explanations and that all could be explained with further investigation, which they deemed not worth the effort.

In their final report, they stressed that low-grade, unverifiable UFO reports were overloading intelligence channels, with the risk of missing a genuine conventional threat to the U.S. Therefore, they recommended the Air Force de-emphasize the subject of UFOs and embark on a debunking campaign to lessen public interest. They suggested debunkery through the mass media, including Walt Disney Productions, and using psychologists, astronomers, and celebrities to ridicule the phenomenon and put forward prosaic explanations.[11] Furthermore, civilian UFO groups "should be watched because of their potentially great influence on mass thinking ... The apparent irresponsibility and the possible use of such groups for subversive purposes should be kept in mind." [citation needed]

It is the conclusion of many researchers[9][12] that the Robertson Panel was recommending controlling public opinion through a program of official propaganda and spying. They also believe these recommendations helped shape Air Force policy regarding UFO study not only immediately afterward, but also into the present day. There is evidence that the Panel's recommendations were being carried out at least two decades after its conclusions were issued (see the main article for details and citations).

In December 1953, Joint Army-Navy-Air Force Regulation number 146 made it a crime for military personnel to discuss classified UFO reports with unauthorized persons. Violators faced up to two years in prison and/or fines of up to \$10,000.

Aftermath of Robertson Panel

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In his book (see external links) Ruppelt described the demoralization of the Blue Book staff and the stripping of their investigative duties following the Robertson Panel jurisdiction.

As an immediate consequence of the Robertson Panel recommendations, in February 1953, the Air Force issued Regulation 200-2, ordering air base officers to publicly discuss UFO incidents only if they were judged to have been solved, and to classify all the unsolved cases to keep them out of the public eye.

The same month, investigative duties started to be taken on by the newly formed 4602nd Air Intelligence Squadron (AISS) of the Air Defense Command. The 4602nd AISS was assigned the task of investigating only the most important UFO cases with intelligence or national security implications. These cases were deliberately siphoned away from Blue Book, leaving Blue Book to deal with the more trivial reports.

General Nathan F. Twining, who started Project Sign in 1947, was now Air Force Chief of Staff. In August 1954, he was to further codify the responsibilities of the 4602nd AISS by issuing an updated Air Force Regulation 200-2. In addition, UFOs (called "UFOB's") were defined as "any airborne object which by performance, aerodynamic characteristics, or unusual features, does not conform to any presently known aircraft or missile type, or which cannot be positively identified as a familiar object." Investigation of UFOs was stated to be for the purposes of national security and to ascertain "technical aspects." AFR 200-2 again stated that Blue Book could discuss UFO cases with the media only if they were regarded as having a conventional explanation. If they were unidentified, the media were to be told only that the situation was being analyzed. Blue Book was also ordered to reduce the number of unidentified to a minimum.

All this work was done secretly. The public face of Blue Book continued to be the official Air Force investigation of UFOs, but the reality was it had essentially been reduced to doing very few serious investigations and had become almost solely a public relations outfit with a debunking mandate. To cite one example, by the end of 1956, the number of cases listed as unsolved had dipped to barely 0.4 percent, from 20 to 30% only a few years earlier.

Eventually, Ruppelt requested reassignment; at his departure in August 1953, his staff had been reduced from more than ten (precise numbers of personnel varied) to just Ruppelt and two subordinates. His temporary replacement was a non-commissioned officer. Most who succeeded him as Blue Book director exhibited either apathy or outright hostility to the subject of UFOs or were hampered by a lack of funding and official support.

UFO investigators often regard Ruppelt's brief tenure at Blue Book as the high-water mark of public Air Force investigations of UFOs, when UFO investigations were treated seriously and had support at high levels.[12] Thereafter, Project Blue Book descended into a new "Dark Ages" from which many UFO investigators argue it never emerged.[12] However, Ruppelt later came to embrace the Blue Book perspective that there was nothing extraordinary about UFOs; he even labeled the subject a "Space Age Myth".

Captain Hardin era

In March 1954, Captain Charles Hardin was appointed the head of Blue Book; however, the 4602nd conducted most UFO investigations, and Hardin did not object. Ruppelt wrote that Hardin "thinks that anyone who is even interested [in UFOs] is crazy. They bore him." [13]

In 1955, the Air Force decided that the goal of Blue Book should not be to investigate UFO reports but to minimize the number of unidentified UFO reports. By late 1956, the number of unidentified sightings had dropped from the 20-25%

of the Ruppelt era to less than 1%.

Captain Gregory era

Captain George T. Gregory took over as Blue Book's director in 1956. Clark writes that Gregory led Blue Book "in an even firmer anti-UFO direction than the apathetic Hardin." [13] The 4602nd was dissolved, and the 1066th Air Intelligence Service Squadron was charged with UFO investigations.

In fact, there was actually little or no investigation of UFO reports; a revised AFR 200-2 issued during Gregory's tenure emphasized that unexplained UFO reports must be reduced to a minimum.

One way that Gregory reduced the number of unexplained UFOs was by simple reclassification. "Possible cases" became "probable", and "probable" cases were upgraded to certainties. By this logic, a possible comet became a probable comet, while a probable comet was flatly declared to have been a misidentified comet. Similarly, if a witness reported an observation of an unusual balloon-like object, Blue Book usually classified it as a balloon, with no research and qualification. These procedures became standard for most of Blue Book's later investigations; see Hynek's comments below.

Major Friend era

Lt. Col. Robert J. Friend was appointed the head of Blue Book in 1958. Friend made some attempts to reverse the direction Blue Book had taken since 1954. Clark writes that "Friend's efforts to upgrade the files and catalog sightings according to various observed statistics were frustrated by a lack of funding and assistance." [13]

Heartened by Friend's efforts, Hynek organized the first of several meetings between Blue Book staffers and ATIC personnel in 1959. Hynek suggested that some older UFO reports should be reevaluated, with the ostensible aim of moving them from the "unknown" to the "identified" category. Hynek's plans came to naught.

During Friend's tenure, ATIC contemplated passing the oversight of Blue Book to another Air Force agency, but neither the Air Research and Development Center nor the Office of Information for the Secretary of the Air Force was interested.

In 1960, there were U.S. Congressional hearings regarding UFOs. Civilian UFO research group National Investigations Committee On Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) had publicly charged Blue Book with covering up UFO evidence and had also acquired a few allies in the U.S. Congress. Blue Book was investigated by the Congress and the CIA, with critics – most notably, the civilian UFO group NICAP [12] asserting that Blue Book was lacking as a scientific study. In response, ATIC added personnel (increasing the total personnel to three military personnel, plus civilian secretaries) and increased Blue Book's budget. This seemed to mollify some of Blue Book's critics, [12] but it was only temporary. A few years later (see below), the criticism would be even louder.

By the time he was transferred from Blue Book in 1963, Friend thought that Blue Book was effectively useless and ought to be dissolved, even if it caused an outcry amongst the public. [citation needed]

Major Quintanilla era

Major Hector Quintanilla took over as Blue Book's leader in August 1963. He largely continued the debunking efforts, and it was under his direction that Blue Book received some of its sharpest criticism. UFO researcher Jerome Clark goes so far as to write that, by this time, Blue Book had "lost all credibility." [14]

Physicist and UFO researcher James E. McDonald once flatly declared that Quintanilla was "not competent" from either a scientific or an investigative perspective, [15] although he also stressed that Quintanilla "shouldn't be held accountable for it," as he was chosen for his position by a superior officer, and was following orders in directing Blue Book. [15]

Blue Book's explanations of UFO reports were not universally accepted, however, and critics – including some scientists – suggested that Project Blue Book performed questionable research or, worse, was perpetrating cover-up.[12] This criticism grew especially strong and widespread in the 1960s.

Take, for example, the many mostly nighttime UFO reports from the midwestern and southeastern United States in the summer of 1965: Witnesses in Texas reported "multicolored lights" and large aerial objects shaped like eggs or diamonds.[12] The Oklahoma Highway Patrol reported that Tinker Air Force Base (near Oklahoma City) had tracked up to four UFOs simultaneously, and that several of them had descended very rapidly: from about 22000 feet to about 4000 feet in just a few seconds,[12] an action well beyond the capabilities of conventional aircraft of the era. John Shockley, a meteorologist from Wichita, Kansas, reported that, using the state Weather Bureau radar, he tracked a number of odd aerial objects flying at altitudes between about 6000 and 9000 feet.[12] These and other reports received wide publicity.

Project Blue Book officially determined[12] the witnesses had mistaken Jupiter or bright stars (such as Rigel or Betelgeuse) for something else.

Blue Book's explanation was widely criticized as inaccurate. Robert Riser, director of the Oklahoma Science and Art Foundation Planetarium offered a strongly worded rebuke of Project Blue Book that was widely circulated: "That is as far from the truth as you can get. These stars and planets are on the opposite side of the earth from Oklahoma City at this time of year. The Air Force must have had its star finder upside-down during August".[12]

A newspaper editorial from the Richmond News Leader opined that "Attempts to dismiss the reported sightings under the rationale as exhibited by Project Bluebook [sic] won't solve the mystery ... and serve only to heighten the suspicion that there's something out there that the air force doesn't want us to know about",[12] while a Wichita-based UPI reporter noted that "Ordinary radar does not pick up planets and stars".[12]

Another case that Blue Book's critics seized upon was the so-called Portage County UFO Chase, which began at about 5 a.m., near Ravenna, Ohio on April 17, 1966. Police officers Dale Spaur and Wilbur Neff spotted what they described as a disc-shaped, silvery object with a bright light emanating from its underside, at about 1000 feet in altitude.[12] They began following the object (which they reported sometimes descended as low as 50 feet), and police from several other jurisdictions were involved in the pursuit. The chase ended about 30 minutes later near Freedom, Pennsylvania, some 85 miles away.

The UFO chase made national news, and the police submitted detailed reports to Blue Book. Five days later, following brief interviews with only one of the police officers (but none of the other ground witnesses), Blue Book's director, Major Hector Quintanilla, announced their conclusions: The police (one of them an Air Force gunner during the Korean War) had first chased a communications satellite, then the planet Venus.

This conclusion was widely derided,[12] and police officers strenuously rejected it. In his dissenting conclusion, Hynek described Blue Book's conclusions as absurd: in their reports, several of the police had unknowingly described the Moon, Venus and the UFO, though they unknowingly described Venus as a bright "star" very near the Moon. Ohio Congressman William Stanton said that "The Air Force has suffered a great loss of prestige in this community ... Once people entrusted with the public welfare no longer think the people can handle the truth, then the people, in return, will no longer trust the government".

In September 1968, Hynek received a letter from Colonel Raymond Sleeper of the Foreign Technology Division. Sleeper noted that Hynek had publicly accused Blue Book of shoddy science, and further asked Hynek to offer advice on how Blue Book could improve its scientific methods. Hynek was to later declare that Sleeper's

letter was "the first time in my 20 year association with the air force as scientific consultant that I had been officially asked for criticism and advice [regarding] ... the UFO problem".[16]

Hynek wrote a detailed response, dated October 7, 1968, suggesting several areas where Blue Book could improve. In part, he wrote:

... neither of the two missions of Blue Book [determining if UFOs are a threat to national security and using scientific data gathered by Blue Book] are being adequately executed.

The staff of Blue Book, both in numbers and in scientific training, is grossly inadequate ...

Blue Book suffers ... in that it is a closed system ... there is virtually no scientific dialogue between Blue Book and the outside scientific world ...

The statistical methods employed by Blue Book are nothing less than a travesty. There has been a lack of attention to significant UFO cases ... and too much time spent on routine cases ... and on peripheral public relations tasks.

Concentration could be on two or three potentially scientific significant cases per month [instead of being] spread thin over 40 to 70 cases per month.

The information input to Blue Book is grossly inadequate. An impossible load is placed on Blue Book by the almost consistent failure of UFO officers at local air bases to transmit adequate information ...

The basic attitude and approach within Blue Book is illogical and unscientific ...

Inadequate use had been made of the Project scientific consultant [Hynek]. Only cases that the project monitor deems worthwhile are brought to his attention. His scope of operation ... has been consistently thwarted ... He often learns of interesting cases only a month or two after the receipt of the report at Blue Book.[17]

Despite Sleeper's request for criticism, none of Hynek's commentary resulted in any substantial changes in Blue Book.

Quintanilla's own perspective on the project is documented in his manuscript, "UFOs, An Air Force Dilemma." Lt. Col Quintanilla wrote the manuscript in 1975, but it was not published until after his death in 1998. Quintanilla stated in the text that he personally believed it arrogant to think human beings were the only intelligent life in the universe. Yet, while he found it highly likely that intelligent life existed beyond Earth, he had no hard evidence of any extraterrestrial visitation.[18]

Congressional hearing

In 1966, a string of UFO sightings in Massachusetts and New Hampshire provoked a Congressional Hearing by the House Committee on Armed Services.[19] According to attachments to the hearing, the Air Force had at first stated that the sightings were the result of a training exercise happening in the area.[20] But NICAP, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, reported that there was no record of a plane flying at the time the sightings occurred.[21] Another report alleged that the UFO was actually a flying billboard advertising gasoline.[22] Raymond Fowler (of NICAP) added his own interviews with the locals, who saw Air Force officers confiscating newspapers with the story of UFOs and telling them not to report what they had seen.[23] Two police officers who had witnessed the UFOs, Eugene Bertrand and David Hunt, wrote a letter to Major Quintanilla stating that they felt their reputations were destroyed by the Air Force. "It was impossible to mistake what we saw for any kind of military operation, regardless of altitude," the irritated officers wrote, adding that there was no way it could have been a balloon or helicopter.[24] According to Secretary Harold Brown of the Air Force, Blue Book consisted of three steps: investigation, analysis, and the distribution of information gathered to interested parties.[25] After Brown gave permission, the press were invited into the hearing.[26] By the time of the hearing, Blue Book had identified and explained 95% of the reported UFO sightings. None of these were extraterrestrial or a threat to national security.[27] Brown himself proclaimed, "I know of no one of scientific standing or executive standing with a detailed knowledge of this, in our organization who believes that they came from extraterrestrial

sources."[27] J. Allen Hynek, a science consultant to Blue Book, suggested in an unedited statement that a "civilian panel of physical and social scientists" be formed "for the express purpose of determining whether a major problem really exist" in regards to UFOs.[28] Hynek remarked that he has "not seen any evidence to confirm" extraterrestrials, "nor do I know any competent scientist who has, or who believes that any kind of extraterrestrial intelligence is involved." [29]

Condon Committee

Main article: Condon Committee

Criticism of Blue Book continued to grow through the mid-1960s. NICAP's membership ballooned to about 15,000, and the group charged the U.S. Government with a cover-up of UFO evidence.

Following U.S. Congressional hearings, the Condon Committee was established in 1966, ostensibly as a neutral scientific research body. However, the Committee became mired in controversy, with some members charging director Edward U. Condon with bias, and critics would question the validity and the scientific rigor of the Condon Report.

In the end, the Condon Committee suggested that there was nothing extraordinary about UFOs, and while it left a minority of cases unexplained, the report also argued that further research would not be likely to yield significant results.

End

In response to the Condon Committee's conclusions, Secretary of the Air Force Robert C. Seamans, Jr. announced that Blue Book would soon be closed because further funding "cannot be justified either on the grounds of national security or in the interest of science." [30] The last publicly acknowledged day of Blue Book operations was December 17, 1969. However, researcher Brad Sparks, [31] citing research from the May 1970 issue of NICAP's UFO Investigator, reports that the last day of Blue Book activity was actually January 30, 1970. According to Sparks, Air Force officials wanted to keep the Air Force's reaction to the UFO problem from overlapping into a fourth decade, and thus altered the date of Blue Book's closure in official files.

Blue Book's files were sent to the Air Force Archives at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. Major David Shea was to later claim that Maxwell was chosen because it was "accessible yet not too inviting." [30]

Ultimately, Project Blue Book stated that UFOs sightings were generated as a result of:

A mild form of mass hysteria.

Individuals who fabricate such reports to perpetrate a hoax or seek publicity.

Psychopathological persons.

Misidentification of various conventional objects.

In April 2003, the USAF publicly indicated that there were no immediate plans to re-establish any official government UFO study programs. [32] However, in December 2017 it was disclosed that a new secret UFO study titled the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP) was funded at 22 million dollars from 2007 to 2012. [33]

USAF official statement on UFOs

Below is the United States Air Force's official statement regarding UFOs, as noted in USAF Fact Sheet 95-03: [32]

From 1947 to 1969, the Air Force investigated Unidentified Flying Objects under Project Blue Book. The project, headquartered at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, was terminated on December 17, 1969. Of a total of 12,618 sightings reported to Project Blue Book, 701 remained "unidentified."

The decision to discontinue UFO investigations was based on an evaluation of a report prepared by the University of Colorado, titled "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects"; a review of the University of Colorado's report by

the National Academy of Sciences; previous UFO studies and Air Force experience investigating UFO reports during 1940 to 1969.

As a result of these investigations, studies and experience gained from investigating UFO reports since 1948, the conclusions of Project Blue Book were:

No UFO reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of threat to our national security.

There has been no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as "unidentified" represent technological developments or principles beyond the range of present-day scientific knowledge.

There has been no evidence indicating the sightings categorized as "unidentified" are extraterrestrial vehicles.

With the termination of Project Blue Book, the Air Force regulation establishing and controlling the program for investigating and analyzing UFOs was rescinded. Documentation regarding the former Blue Book investigation was permanently transferred to the Modern Military Branch, National Archives and Records Service, and is available for public review and analysis.

Since the termination of Project Blue Book, nothing has occurred that would support a resumption of UFO investigations by the Air Force.

There are a number of universities and professional scientific organizations that have considered UFO phenomena during periodic meetings and seminars. A list of private organizations interested in aerial phenomena may be found in "Encyclopaedia of Associations", published by Gale Research. Interest in and timely review of UFO reports by private groups ensures that sound evidence is not overlooked by the scientific community. Persons wishing to report UFO sightings should be advised to contact local law enforcement agencies.

Post-Blue Book U.S.A.F. UFO activities

An Air Force memorandum (released via the Freedom of Information Act) dated October 20, 1969, and signed by Brigadier General Carroll H. "Rip" Bolender (the Deputy Director of Development and Acquisitions under the Air Force's Deputy Chief of Staff, Research and Development) states that even after Blue Book was dissolved, that "reports of UFOs" would still "continue to be handled through the standard Air Force procedure designed for this purpose." Furthermore, wrote Bolender, "Reports of unidentified flying objects which could affect national security ... are not part of the Blue Book system." [34] To date, these other investigation channels, agencies or groups (and Bolender's involvement therein) are unknown. Upon drafting the memo, Bolender, who assumed his generalship in 1965, had recently completed a detached tour as Program Manager for Lunar Excursion Module Operations in the Apollo program, likely reporting to fellow detached Air Force officer Samuel C. Phillips. He would continue to serve in this position and rank until he retired from the Air Force in 1972. [35]

Additionally, author Howard Blum reports [9] that Freedom of Information Act requests show that the U.S. Air Force has continued to catalog and track UFO sightings, particularly a series of dozens of UFO encounters from the late 1960s to the mid-1970s that occurred at U.S. military facilities with nuclear weapons. Blum writes that some of these official documents depart drastically from the normally dry and bureaucratic wording of government paperwork, making obvious the sense of "terror" that these UFO incidents inspired in many U.S.A.F. personnel.

Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14

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In late December 1951, Ruppelt met with members of the Battelle Memorial Institute, a think tank based in Columbus, Ohio. Ruppelt wanted their experts to assist them in making the Air Force UFO study more scientific. It was the

Battelle Institute that devised the standardized reporting form. Starting in late March 1952, the Institute started analyzing existing sighting reports and encoding about 30 report characteristics onto IBM punched cards for computer analysis.

Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14 was their massive statistical analysis of Blue Book cases to date, some 3200 by the time the report was completed in 1954, after Ruppelt had left Blue Book. Even today, it represents the largest such study ever undertaken. Battelle employed four scientific analysts, who sought to divide cases into "knowns", "unknowns", and a third category of "insufficient information." They also broke down knowns and unknowns into four categories of quality, from excellent to poor. E.g., cases deemed excellent might typically involve experienced witnesses such as airline pilots or trained military personnel, multiple witnesses, corroborating evidence such as radar contact or photographs, etc. In order for a case to be deemed a "known", only two analysts had to independently agree on a solution. However, for a case to be called an "unknown", all four analysts had to agree. Thus the criterion for an "unknown" was quite stringent.

In addition, sightings were broken down into six different characteristics—color, number, duration of observation, brightness, shape, and speed and then these characteristics were compared between knowns and unknowns to see if there was a statistically significant difference.

The main results of the statistical analysis were:

About 69% of the cases were judged known or identified (38% were considered conclusively identified while 31% were still "doubtfully" explained); about 9% fell into insufficient information. About 22% were deemed "unknown", down from the earlier 28% value of the Air Force studies.

In the known category, 86% of the knowns were aircraft, balloons, or had astronomical explanations. Only 1.5% of all cases were judged to be psychological or "crackpot" cases. A "miscellaneous" category comprised 8% of all cases and included possible hoaxes.

The higher the quality of the case, the more likely it was to be classified unknown. 35% of the excellent cases were deemed unknowns, as opposed to only 18% of the poorest cases.

(More detailed statistics can be found at Identification studies of UFOs.)

Despite this, the summary section of the Battelle Institute's final report declared it was "highly improbable that any of the reports of unidentified aerial objects ... represent observations of technological developments outside the range of present-day knowledge." A number of researchers, including Bruce Maccabee, who extensively reviewed the data, have noted that the conclusions of the analysts were usually at odds with their own statistical results, displayed in 240 charts, tables, graphs and maps. Some conjecture that the analysts may simply have had trouble accepting their own results or may have written the conclusions to satisfy the new political climate within Blue Book following the Robertson Panel.

When the Air Force finally made Special Report #14 public in October 1955, it was claimed that the report scientifically proved that UFOs did not exist. Critics of this claim note that the report actually proved that the "unknowns" were distinctly different from the "knowns" at a very high statistical significance level. The Air Force also incorrectly claimed that only 3% of the cases studied were unknowns, instead of the actual 22%. They further claimed that the residual 3% would probably disappear if more complete data were available. Critics counter that this ignored the fact that the analysts had already thrown such cases into the category of "insufficient information", whereas both "knowns" and "unknowns" were deemed to have sufficient information to make a determination. Also, the "unknowns" tended to represent the higher quality cases, q.e. reports that already had better information and witnesses.

The result of the monumental BMI study was echoed by a 1979 French GEPAN report,

which stated that about a quarter of over 1,600 closely studied UFO cases defied explanation, stating, in part, "These cases ... pose a real question." [36] When GEPAN's successor SEPRA closed in 2004, 5800 cases had been analyzed, and the percentage of inexplicable unknowns had dropped to about 14%. The head of SEPRA, Jean-Jacques Velasco [fr], found the evidence of extraterrestrial origins so convincing in these remaining unknowns, that he wrote a book about it in 2005.

Criticism

Hynek was an associate member of the Robertson Panel, which recommended that UFOs needed debunking. A few years later, however, Hynek claimed that Air Force personnel were indifferent, incompetent, and conducted shoddy research. Hynek notes that during its existence, critics dubbed Blue Book "The Society for the Explanation of the Uninvestigated." [37] Regarding Ruppelt, Hynek wrote, "In my contacts with him I found him to be honest and seriously puzzled about the whole phenomenon," [38] and of Friend he wrote, "Of all the officers I worked with in Blue Book, Colonel Friend earned my respect [and] conducted himself with dignity and a total lack of the bombast that characterized several of the other Blue Book heads." [39] Hynek claimed that Quintanilla "disregard[ed] any evidence that was counter to his hypothesis." [40] Hynek also reported bitter exchanges with Moody, describing Moody as "the master of the possible: possible balloon, possible aircraft, possible birds, which then became, by his own hand (and I argued with him violently at times) the probable."

Author and columnist Robert Sheaffer has written that Project Blue Book "amassed 12,618 reports, and none of them amounted to anything significant, or added to our knowledge of any subject, even after more than 50 years of investigation." [41]

Project Blue Book in fiction

Project UFO

Jack Webb produced and narrated Project U.F.O., a 1978-1979 television series based on Project Blue Book (though shifting the investigation to the present day rather than its original 1950s-1960s era.) [citation needed]

The series followed two Air Force investigators, William Jordan as Major Jake Gatlin (replaced in the second season by Edward Winter as Major Ben Ryan), and Caskey Swaim as Staff Sergeant (later Technical Sergeant) Harry Fitz, covering a wide variety of UFO incidents. [citation needed]

A former Project Blue Book officer served as the technical advisor for the series. Each episode ended with the following statement superimposed over the U.S. Air Force service mark: "The United States Air Force, after twenty-two years of investigations, concluded that none of the unidentified flying objects reported and evaluated posed a threat to our national security." [citation needed]

Twin Peaks

Project Blue Book played a major role in the second season of the 1990-1991 television series Twin Peaks. Major Garland Briggs, an Air Force officer who worked on the program, approaches protagonist Dale Cooper and reveals that Cooper's name turned up in an otherwise nonsensical radio transmission intercepted by the Air Force, which inexplicably originated from the woods surrounding the town of Twin Peaks. As the season progresses, it is revealed that the source of the transmission is the transdimensional realm of the Black Lodge, inhabited by beings which feed on the human emotions of pain and suffering; it eventually comes out that Briggs worked with Cooper's rival, corrupt FBI agent Windom Earle, on Project Blue Book, and that the two men apparently uncovered evidence of the Lodge during the course of their work.

Galactica 1980

Every episode of the original Battlestar Galactica spin-off series Galactica 1980 ended with a short statement about the U.S. Air Force's 1969 Project Blue Book findings that UFOs are not proven to exist and "are not a threat to national security".

Project Blue Book (2019)

Project Blue Book is the inspiration for the drama series Project Blue Book, which began airing on the History Channel in January 2019.[42]

See also

Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program – U.S. program to study UFOs (2007–2012)

Robertson Panel – 1953 scientific committee for UAP reports

UFO conspiracy theories – Claims of an alien visitation cover-up

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In 2007, the Nimitz case and the Flir1 video was leaked online, but it was very quickly (and incorrectly) "debunked" as a CGI hoax. A decade later the government confirmed it was a real video, which doesn't often happen.

Additionally, Gimbal and Gofast were also technically leaked. They were not supposed to be made public. They were cleared for internal use by Elizondo's efforts, then Christopher Mellon leaked them. (The Pentagon's three [now] declassified UFO videos taken by U.S. Navy pilots)

The above is all documented, and can not be disputed. It uses the words of Mr. Elizondo, and the words directly from his filing of a DD Form 1910. By the wording of the document, he led DOPSR to believe it was for internal use, and never stated he would use them to benefit from, in the private sector. Therefore, if we read this in plain English, the Pentagon did not release the videos to the public. They cleared them for "Open Publication" for use in a database used by the U.S. Government and its contractors.

I will let you decide, on whether or not that all constitutes "false pretense" and if in the end, you feel the Pentagon released this to the public. But what Mr. Elizondo did with those videos, vs. what the DD Form 1910 stated he was going to do with them, are two wildly different scenarios.
<https://www.theblackvault.com/documentarchive/inside-the-pentagons-release-of-three-ufo-videos/>

Chris Mellon says he received the three videos in a Pentagon parking lot from a "Defense Department official" and then leaked them to the NYTimes.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fv-WUha2Lu0>

Clear UFO photograph taken by Italian military pilot Marshal Giancarlo Cecconi of a cylindrical UFO from his G-91R aircraft:
<https://www.theblackvault.com/casefiles/the-ufo-case-of-maresciallo-cecconi-june-18-1979/>

Another clear photograph taken by a US military pilot from 1966:
<https://ufologie.patrickgross.org/htm/usafprovo66.htm>

Here is another one from 1971 from a Costa Rican government mapping team:
<https://medium.com/on-the-trail-of-the-saucers/costa-rica-ufo-photo-c0b1eb07c5e7>

There was also this: "Anonymous Letter Confirms Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, Coast Guard UFO Video" <https://www.theblackvault.com/casefiles/anonymous-letter-confirms-aguadilla-puerto-rico-coast-guard-ufo-video/>

And UFO Filmed by US Air Force at Nellis <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j4b7nPq1Xu8>

Three more videos, but these are police helicopter flir videos and I don't remember which of these was leaked and which were just released:

National Police Air Service (NPAS), United Kingdom, Films UFO Video September 16, 2016. The UFO was traveling into the wind and gave off heat. The pilot reports that the object was not visible in daytime mode, only in infrared: <https://www.theblackvault.com/casefiles/national-police-air-service-npas-united-kingdom-films-ufo-video/#> Full video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mDFOINEChYE>

Dec 2004 UFO Footage During Long Beach Police Department's helicopter Chase. It appears at the beginning of the video that the UFO was not visible to the naked eye, but the flir picked it up. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ox_nZD63n-0&list=PL081CCFB909534A68&index=33 [Note: The hypothesis of the pilot who filmed the Long Beach video is that it was a bag or a balloon with a flare attached to it, but of course that doesn't prove anything.

Cannan said the pilot's best guess was that it was a bag or balloon with a flare attached to it, which would explain the trailing sulfur-like light. In the tape, the brightly lit object looks as though it's traveling fast, but it could just be the effect of the helicopter orbiting the item at its speedy pace with the background flashing by, he said. <https://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread365625/pg1#pid4522585>

1991 - Daytona, Florida - Police FLIR Footage of UFO, covered on the History Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-cNA3x3WE>

Although these aren't the greatest videos, their authenticity is better than most UFO videos out there, so at least we have something to work with.

Several other videos were leaked recently, along with some photographs. I'm sure everyone is familiar with those, one of them being the bokeh triangle.

Additionally, the existence of the Robertson Panel (later released) was leaked in 1956 by Edward Ruppelt, which showed that the CIA was very interested in spreading propaganda to American audiences to downplay UFOs. It was eventually partially declassified.

After a closed-door session with a scientific advisory panel chaired by H.P. Robertson from the California Institute of Technology, the C.I.A. issued a secret report recommending a broad educational program for all intelligence agencies, with the aim of "training and debunking."

Training meant more public education on how to identify known objects in the sky. "The use of true cases showing first the 'mystery' and then the 'explanation' would be forceful," the report said. Debunking "would be accomplished by mass media such as television, motion pictures, and popular articles."

That plan involved using psychologists, advertising experts, amateur astronomers and even Disney cartoons to create propaganda to reduce public interest. And civilian U.F.O. groups should be "watched," the report stated, because of their "great influence on mass thinking if widespread sightings should occur."

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/15/arts/television/project-blue-book-history-true-story.html>

...as well as the existence and conclusion of the "Estimate of the Situation," although the document itself has never actually been leaked.

There have also been literally hundreds of whistleblowers and other leaks. A brief introduction to that here: https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/u9v40f/abc_news_the_us_government_is_compl

etely/

So just take a look at the first link above just to give you an idea of how something that is completely true can be "debunked." Hopefully that puts some of the other leaked evidence in a new light.

There's more out there obviously, but this is what I came up with at the moment.

Edit: To add to the list, here's the "Deleted reddit video from a DoD facility" https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/x004tf/deleted_reddit_video_from_a_dod_facility/

Edit 2: USS Omaha: <https://kfor.com/mystery-wire/new-video-from-uss-omaha-shows-unknown-aerial-sphere-vanishing-into-ocean/>

Edit 3: The "Jellyfish" UFO, dubbed the "Flying Spaghetti Monster" by base personnel (probably balloons): <https://www.newsnationnow.com/space/ufo/jellyfish-uap-video/>

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This was posted 6 months ago and only has 54 upvotes?! It amazes me that stupid, idiotic, nonsense videos go viral all the time but no one cares about something as serious as this. This is the kind of thing that needs to go viral! How do we spread this around to more people? How do we get more people to take this serious? The CIA's propaganda operation did a helluva job to the general public. It's aggravating af.

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The government confirming anything is like Al Capote saying he's innocent.

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TheCoastalCardician

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What was Capote guilty of?

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u/flameohotmein avatar

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It's funny because Lou makes it seem like what he did was amazing, but the videos themselves were never classified. It's also not a leak if these things were planned ahead of time.

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u/MKULTRA_Escapee avatar

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The videos were not meant for the public to see. They were leaked. That's about it. It doesn't matter if Mellon planned the leak or it was spontaneous. That's a strange thing to say.

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u/RemedyYourMalpackage avatar
RemedyYourMalpackage

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Right but all these videos look like video games from 1985. It's impossible to tell what's real because the visual quality on all of them is preposterous

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binkysnightmare

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Which is it? Are you asking about credible instances and data, or for cinematically gorgeous 4K video of an alien high-fiving the POTUS?

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green-samson

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There is no Govt made cutting edge tech, There is private Industry tech that they make for the Govt and agree to keep secret until a time when they can go public and make money on it. Kevlar, Sat Nav, Night vision, Internet etc etc. Private Industry has the toys and you'll get nothing from them.

Why not see if anybody has leaked where they plan to put their submarines, And if they've managed to keep that a secret you can bet they can keep something this big a secret.

Besides people come out all the time with their story, And when the TPTB go to work to discredit them the brain donors on here lap it up.

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u/Waldsman avatar
Waldsman

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To call those companies private is alittle dishonest. The big defense contractor companies are government owned and ran in everything but name. The ceos usally are prior military or some background in government. It's the circle of the military industrial complex.

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TheCoastalCardician

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Although I don't agree with every thing said here, ffs, our SecDef is on Raytheon's board. I really wish this was illegal.

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u/ministeringinlove avatar
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If the government had actual proof of literally the most significant event in

human history, wouldn't some worker somewhere have leaked actual hard evidence?

Someone I know who was involved with counter-intelligence had humored me on the subject because I would go to every single active or former serviceman and ask what they knew about UFOs (honestly, because it got laughter out of peers). According to him, our government is really horrible at keeping secrets; this was slightly before the discovery that the government had actually been investigating the subject for decades with little to no knowledge among the public.

I like and hate the story of Neil Armstrong, who, according to the story, was told not to publicly divulge what they saw lest his family be endangered. Another case is the horrible, "coincidental" death of Karl Wolfe, who had been run over by a semi. He had come forward some time back about pictures he saw depicting structures on the moon. Another is the case of the former Director of the CIA, William Colby, who was apparently found face down in a river is a supposed suicide (he was supposedly working with Steven Greer). Another more recent leak showed the efforts Admiral Wilson went through and the threat to his career if he pursued the matter of reverse engineering.

In my own research, I was pursuing the topic of consciousness and non-locality in relation to the phenomenon; this led me to reaching out to a former employee with NASA for a variety of reasons that I won't list here. Instead of online communication, they suggested that they reach out to me via phone call to discuss things. I have a wife and two kids and the idea that it was better to converse via phone call and not electronically really bothered me, so I turned it down - it just felt like it was going too fast and I began to think about possible consequences if it was something big. The threat of your life being ruined is adequate for the most part, but not even just your life. The possible threat to someone you love is worse, knowing that, if worse came to worse, you could spend the rest of your life without them because you aroused the ire of some dangerous person or group.

Also, photo and video resolution has greatly increased since 1985; why are ufo videos the one exception that still look like they were shot back then?

Most people only have their cell phones with them at any given moment. A year or two ago, I had the Note 10+, which had one of the best cameras on a phone. Curious about the blurry UFO video issue, I went outside during a break and watched for a plane to record. Once one flew over, I zoomed in and began to record and, sadly, it looked like a UFO - little to no definition in the object on the recording. Phones are certainly very capable tools for photos and videos, but they still suffer recording at long ranges and most people don't have enough familiarity with camera settings to utilize them to the best of the phone's capacity.

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PrincessJellyfish39

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You're asking why something classified above top secret, above nuke tech, isn't leaked? You clearly don't understand how classified works or the level that this stuff is on.

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TirayShell

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Maybe... just spitballing here... there ain't any.

clarbg

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Maybe the aliens just dont visit here very often. Absence of proof isn't proof of absence.

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u/gerkletoss avatar

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I'm with you. The government probably doesn't know much more than we do about anything UAP-related that isn't a project of theirs. If they did, why would there be a sudden surge to study it?

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RoastyMcGiblets

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The gimbal/tic-tac/go-fast videos were leaked on youtube years before being declassified. No one thought they were real or paid any attention (I guess). So it's possible some real video has been leaked but because there is so much noise in this area they aren't getting attention.

Also the penalties are severe (jail) and a military retirement is not something to piss away. Sure it's the biggest news of all time but ask Edward Snowden how violating an NDA worked out for him. Most people are self-interested. I think the only reason Snowden did what he did is he thought he'd come off as a hero. That's why he went to China initially, he thought they'd welcome him with open arms. He fucked himself royally, and I don't blame anyone else for not wanting to go out on that limb.

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There were no penalties associated with "leaking" these videos as they were never classified.

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HughJaynis

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Sure, but it will destroy your career if you're the one to release them. You will definitely be penalized one way or another.

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u/Andazah avatar

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Because it was much easier to leak things 15 years ago than it is now, digital forensics alone has improved a great deal.

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u/UAoverAU avatar
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The evidence certainly exists according to the UAP report
(<https://www.dni.gov/files/ODNI/documents/assessments/Preliminary-Assessment-UAP-20210625.pdf>).

"Some UAP appeared to remain stationary in winds aloft, move against the wind, maneuver abruptly, or move at considerable speed, without discernable means of propulsion. In a small number of cases, military aircraft systems processed radio frequency (RF) energy associated with UAP sightings."

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Matild4

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It's a good question. The simplest answer is that there isn't any, and if there is, it's kept under lock and key. I doubt many people have access and any proof that isn't irreplaceable is probably destroyed immediately.

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u/Wendigo79 avatar

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because these iphones are more for taking selfies and facial recognition than capturing a photo of something at 40,000 feet...

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u/xHangfirex avatar

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You have to consider that there may be nothing to leak, hence the lack of leaks. Most of what I have heard from Elizondo leads me to believe "they" don't know much more than we do.

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Spacecowboy78

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We have 150 nuclear missile launch officers whistle-blowers who have gone public. Why would you call them non-credible?

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u/Snookn42 avatar

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Well you dont see leaks of crazy paradigm shattering stuff because.. well its not a good idea to willy nilly shatter paradigms We cant handle a freaking respiratory virus... how is the country going to handle aliens being real ?

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Dusdrew

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There is zero leaks of hard evidence. Ever.

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For real. Hard evidence means real evidence. As of right now we have no real evidence

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UFOs, alien visitations etc. don't need to be leaked. If they are here, we will all know. We don't need government crooks and liars to let us know.

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EngineeringNo1675

Why I think Lue knows some of the innermost secrets about UAPs and isn't just bluffing

Well first of all, it goes without saying that this isn't something I'm saying with absolute certainty, it's just my opinion based on the evidence.

The Pentagon's attempt to discredit him really says it all.

They literally tried to erase him, pretend he didn't exist, claim that he had absolutely nothing to do with running AATIP:

<https://www.politico.com/news/2021/05/26/ufo-whistleblower-ig-complaint-pentagon-491098>

They attempted to sully his reputation and make him sound "crazy."

Now why would they try to pull off such a farce?

Because they were desperate and they panicked.

The most rational explanation is that they were afraid of what he might say, specifically what he might disclose about UAPs.

And their fear was palpable.

The manner in which he resigned certainly marked him as a potential whistleblower:

<https://www.history.com/news/unidentified-ufo-investigation-documents>

And once Lue went public and garnered significant media attention, the threat of any potential disclosure became magnified.

So why would Lue know some of the deepest government secrets about UAPs?

Because he worked for AATIP for 7 years, so he wasn't simply a temporary stand-in, and as the trusted government employee heading America's investigation into UAPs, he would naturally become a reservoir for secret spillers in the military and government, much like Edgar Mitchell's reputation as an astronaut who believed in UFOs led others to share highly classified secrets with him over the years:

In 2008, he claimed that aliens had visited Earth and said he believed there was a government cover-up.

"I happen to have been privileged enough to be in on the fact that we've been visited on this planet and the UFO phenomena is real," he said in an interview with Kerrang Radio.

"It's been well covered up by all our governments for the last 60 years or so, but slowly it's leaked out and some of us have been privileged to have been briefed on some of it."

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-35506000>

Sometimes I get the feeling that others view Lue as somebody who doesn't possess any more information about UAPs other than what he learned on the job during his time heading AATIP.

If this is the case, then Lue is seen through the prism of merely being a bluffer when he talks about Roswell, crash retrievals in general and biological specimens that have been collected.

But based on the Mitchellian model, that simply isn't the case.

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Agreed. They tried all kinds of stuff to discredit him, like delete his emails that would have proven some of his claims, made the claim that AATIP had nothing to do with UFOs, claimed he didn't run AATIP, there was some retaliation and threats from his former boss, tried to revoke his security clearance, etc. Here are some quotes and links:

On December 22, 2017, five days after Elizondo and AATIP made headlines in the New York Times, an investigation into Elizondo and the release of the three DoD videos depicting UAP incidents was launched by the Air Force Office of Special Investigation (AFOSI).

Speaking under the condition of anonymity, a senior defense official who had firsthand knowledge of the incident told The Debrief they knew for certain that the 2017-2018 AFOSI investigation was done at the behest of [Garry] Reid as a way of retaliating against Elizondo.

"[Garry] Reid had USDI Security put an entry in Elizondo's file on Scattered Castles, which is the clearance system used for IC interagency clearance passage, so that if he tried to go to any SCIF in the IC, Reid would get a call and be able to cause questions so that Interagency partners would come to believe there was a 'problem' and not let him in," the Defense official explained. <https://thedebrief.org/sex-lies-and-ufos-pentagons-head-of-counterintelligence-and-security-ousted/>

"Neither AATIP nor AAWSAP were UAP related," said Pentagon spokesperson Susan Gough in an e-mail to The Black Vault. <https://www.theblackvault.com/documentarchive/the-pentagon-corrects-record-on-secret-ufo-program/>

Pentagon Reinforces Luis Elizondo Had "No Responsibilities" on AATIP; Senator Harry Reid's 2009 Memo Changes Nothing <https://www.theblackvault.com/documentarchive/pentagon-reinforces-mr-luis-elizondo-had-no-responsibilities-on-aatip-senator-harry-reids-2009-memo-changes-nothing/> (did you really believe this?)

The evidence collected here overwhelmingly suggests the government was indeed studying UFOs and not, as the Pentagon has said, "investigating foreign advanced aerospace weapons system applications with future technology projections over the next 40 years, and to create a center of expertise on advanced aerospace technologies." <https://www.popularmechanics.com/military/research/a30916275/government-secret-ufo-program-investigation/>

Now, more than three and a half years after Elizondo told his extraordinary story about investigating unidentified aerial threats for the U.S. government, the saga has taken an unexpected turn. The DoD has now admitted exclusively to The Black Vault that they have destroyed some of the most crucial evidence that could either prove, or disprove, Elizondo's work history within a secret UFO study known as AATIP. <https://www.theblackvault.com/documentarchive/pentagon-destroyed-e-mails-of-former-intelligence-official-tied-to-ufo-investigation-claims/>

Some more quotes from The Debrief article:

According to documents related to a May 2021 IG complaint filed by Elizondo, which was reviewed by The Debrief, shortly after resigning on October 5, 2017, Elizondo received a call from his former boss Garry Reid.

A "clearly upset" Reid wanted to know what he should do with Elizondo's resignation letter and demanded he come to see him at the Pentagon. When Elizondo declined the invitation, Reid reportedly threatened him, saying he would "tell people you are crazy, and it might impact your security clearance."

By November, Elizondo said he received several phone calls from former colleagues at OUSD(I&S) warning him that Reid and "Employee 1" (from the IG complaint) were "coming after him."

This could be written off as an apparently emotional and volatile former boss blowing off steam. However, it would seem, Reid indeed did attempt to make good on his threats.

Finally, I obviously can't demonstrate this because it's difficult to provide evidence by design, but I personally think they ran an online astroturfing campaign against him to discredit him in the eyes of the public as a

"disinformation agent," a quack, etc. They have the tools to do it and have done similar things in the past. If you familiarize yourself with COINTELPRO, you'd realize how easy it would be to do stuff like this.

Elizondo is just another whistleblower in a very long line of other UFO whistleblowers going back 70 years. It's crazy, but this is reality.

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u/tainteddblu avatar
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Agreed 1000%.

This is purely out of my own intuition, but I just don't buy that the only reason Reid went to enormous lengths to spite Lue was some watercooler vendetta. Importantly, the IG's report on Reid specifies that the reason for Reid's dismissal has not been made public - this is despite all we know about this man's character flaws. To me, this implies something going on at an even deeper level regarding Reid. What the hell was this guy up to?

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You can't make this stuff up and I bet would make one hell of a movie.

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Reid ran the Army's JREG SMU, right?

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So why would Lue know some of the deepest government secrets about UAPs?

Because

There was that interview with Ross Coulthart, I can't remember who did it, very likely it was Generation Zed. However I'm not 100% sure.

Anyway, there was a segment of that interview, where RossCo attempted to explain why Elizondo is no ordinary government employee. Actually, his significance is extremely underestimated.

Long story short, according to bits of information he got familiar with, Elizondo was a gatekeeper and overseer of some of the special access programs focused on the UAP issue. In the other words, he didn't just get the chance to gather some intel, or to have a glimpse of the UFO topic. He had an access to much more of the UAP related facts, than he has ever admitted publicly.

Edit. I have just watched the most recent interview with Steven Greenstreet on The Unidentified Celebrity Review, and he kind of confirmed the same thing Coulthart said, while also adding some new bits and bats regarding Elizondo.

If you're going to watch it, it's somewhere around 1:30:00 mark.

PS. To me it is another confirmation of the claim I made quite early, after Elizondo went 'live'.

Elizondo's public face is not entirely his real face. At this point I would rather say that there might be only a small percentage of Elizondo in Elizondo as a public person.

It's possible that we have seen only a tip of the iceberg.

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The...atip of the iceberg if you will?

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I feel that Elizondo has been pretty conspicuous in hinting that he knows much more about this topic than he is revealing publicly. Why isn't he revealing it? Because he doesn't want to get crucified for presenting classified information illegally to the public.

He's made it clear that it's up to everyone to exert appropriate political pressure to get this information disclosed, which appears to be what is happening.

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I think there's also one specific aspect of the fact that you have just mentioned.

Elizondo leaves significant amount of clues, but he mainly answers only the questions he's asked. You won't catch him too often on getting carried away.

My question - do we really know what other questions we could ask him to make the best use of his knowledge?

I highly doubt that. Obviously, there are things he won't be able to talk about. Still, I have a feeling that the public reached its limitations when it comes to extracting information out of Elizondo.

The loop is closing. Hence the reason for Elizondo's decision to limit his public presence.

Unless someone can make a better use of the clues he's left behind.

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I have high hopes for his book. He keeps emphasizing that he is writing this book "for a very specific purpose that will become obvious once the book is out". I believe this purpose to be that he wants to write down everything he knows (and can disclose without infringing national security) and have it pass through the Pre-Publication Review process. This will do 3 things:

Force the DoD to deeply research internally if any of his information holds water and is in any way protected information. This means that rogue elements either have to officially come forward to block the release (which would be good, because it finally makes them traceable) OR the information will get out into the public (even better).

Give Lue officially green light to talk about A LOT more things. The Pre-Publication Review gives him black-on-white what he can and cannot talk about despite his NDA. No more grey areas, hints, breadcrumbs and fuzziness.

Plant a flag in the ground, fixing the current progress of disclosure. There will never be any going back from that point onwards.

All of this, of course, relies on Lue to provide truthful information, backed up by evidence. I expect there to be quite a bit of legal back and forth between Lue and the DoD, but luckily he has an excellent attorney, Danny Sheehan.

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THANK YOU! This is EXACTLY what Lue is hoping to do!

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When should we expect the release of said book?

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July 7, 2022

Edit : I was wrong. Book has no publication date yet.

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Also, all the times in interviews he's brought up his interactions with what he called "the Greybeards", which he described as people within the DoD who have been there a long time and are the "keepers of the keys" of the legacy UFO programs.

Furthermore, for some reason no one seems to realize AATIP was just a small part

of Lue's portfolio in his role in the OUSDI. His main job was the director of the National Programs Special Management Service (NPSMS), an office of which there are only two known public references: One in his resignation letter, and one in the court documents of the Khalid Sheikh Mohammed (the 9/11 mastermind). The court documents refer to the the NPSMS as the "SAP (Special Access Program) access people." This is all covered in this great article by TheBlackVault:

<https://www.theblackvault.com/documentarchive/pentagon-destroyed-e-mails-of-former-intelligence-official-tied-to-ufo-investigation-claims/amp/>

Lue knows more than most people realize. People have also forgotten he basically confirmed via his NDA side-stepping answers that MAJESTIC and ZODIAC were real, but he couldn't go into detail. His reaction when this question has been asked says it all:

RD: Let me ask you this: Have you ever cross come across evidence that supports the reality of an organization, whether we call it MJ12, or Zodiac? Are there any of these organizations that you've come across that you think could be...that you've heard of?

LE: Sure, absolutely.

RD: Okay, so. Zodiac, I want to ask about that because I've got reasons for asking. Is this something that you've come across?

LE: Yes.

RD: So, may I ask you what you can say about that?

LE: I cannot

RD: You cannot say anything about it?

LE: Unfortunately, I cannot comment on any aspects of, or any details or...you asked me if I heard of it. I cannot confirm nor deny any aspects of a program, if it did exist, with a name of zodiac,

RD: Gotcha. MJ-12?

LE: I'm gonna stick with the same headline. I cannot confirm nor deny.

<https://www.ufojoe.net/lue-dolan-transcript/>

And in another interview:

ETP: "MJ12: if that was such a thing, I don't understand if it would have been official or rogue?"

LE: "Or both."

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYUHEC4RAkM&t=67m39s>

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The lue hate equates to full on zealotry at this point. The fact is he has followed through with every single thing he's said he's going to do. Things have progressed at the pace he's told us to expect it to. People who say he should spill all the info and lose his security clearance/break his NDA have the mindset of children who don't consider consequences. The 'give me the info now and who cares about the ramifications' attitude some people have is down right juvenile.

I read Lue as a man who values honor and integrity. Due to that I'll happily take his word over some redditor who has no skin in the game and can't understand what the possible implications finding out the truth of the phenomenon might have on humanity at large. We can't even respect one another's human differences, how will we take finding out something like there being countless advanced civilizations out there that make us look like stupid children as a species. Shit, some people in these forums can't even fathom the idea that it's possible that advanced species would tend to be less warlike than us due to the fact that warlike civilizations always destroy themselves in our own history alone.

One thing to consider, if we had access to the power source these craft would need to operate as they do, it would fundamentally change the world's energy needs. In turn it would change our entire world economy and the majority of reasons we go to war with one another.

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They whacked Gary Webb for exposing CIA drug running and people think someone could breathe a word (without authorization) about what's probably the biggest, darkest, deepest government secret ever without disappearing?

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Sure Lue has a book deal to gain by lying but so far he has not taken a dime for any of his speaking engagements on podcasts, etc.

He has a TON to lose if this is all a lie. He has already lost a senior level government pension. It seems unlikely that he is lying at this point.

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Reid was responsible for most of the smearing and attempts to discredit.

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Risk vs benefit

He can be sued, he can face military prosecution ... so he's going to be careful about what legal limits bind his ability to be forthcoming with what information he knows

Now if he builds a public profile large enough that insulates him quite a lot from military prosecution - the pressure swings against the military for going after him when in the public's mind he's just trying to get facts out to the people - facts gathered by taxpayer money mind you

Getting sued is still a real problem because that's a contract he signed

If and until evidence comes out that he's leading a psy-op or misdirection people should give him the benefit of the doubt that he's doing what he says he's doing as best he can given the institutional desire to not expose or share this type of information

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Lue is the truth and a hero.

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"Because they were desperate and they panicked."

And Lou's boss let his large ego get the best of him. Now he's gone. Bye bye imbecile.

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It should also be mentioned that he doesn't take any concern for himself. He states he views it as his moral obligation to the common man. Being his family suffering from how he's being viewed as they know this truth but couldn't say anything. That to me along with what you state only constitutes that we're hearing the truth and facts about it.

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Why I think Lue knows some of the innermost secrets about UAPs and isn't just bluffing

Well first of all, it goes without saying that this isn't something I'm saying with absolute certainty, it's just my opinion based on the evidence.

The Pentagon's attempt to discredit him really says it all.

They literally tried to erase him, pretend he didn't exist, claim that he had absolutely nothing to do with running AATIP:

<https://www.politico.com/news/2021/05/26/ufo-whistleblower-ig-complaint-pentagon-491098>

They attempted to sully his reputation and make him sound "crazy."

Now why would they try to pull off such a farce?

Because they were desperate and they panicked.

The most rational explanation is that they were afraid of what he might say, specifically what he might disclose about UAPs.

And their fear was palpable.

The manner in which he resigned certainly marked him as a potential whistleblower:

<https://www.history.com/news/unidentified-ufo-investigation-documents>

And once Lue went public and garnered significant media attention, the threat of any potential disclosure became magnified.

So why would Lue know some of the deepest government secrets about UAPs?

Because he worked for AATIP for 7 years, so he wasn't simply a temporary stand-in, and as the trusted government employee heading America's investigation into UAPs, he would naturally become a reservoir for secret spillers in the military and government, much like Edgar Mitchell's reputation as an astronaut who believed in UFOs led others to share highly classified secrets with him over the years:

In 2008, he claimed that aliens had visited Earth and said he believed there was a government cover-up.

"I happen to have been privileged enough to be in on the fact that we've been visited on this planet and the UFO phenomena is real," he said in an interview with Kerrang Radio.

"It's been well covered up by all our governments for the last 60 years or so, but slowly it's leaked out and some of us have been privileged to have been briefed on some of it."

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-35506000>

Sometimes I get the feeling that others view Lue as somebody who doesn't possess any more information about UAPs other than what he learned on the job during his time heading AATIP.

If this is the case, then Lue is seen through the prism of merely being a bluffer when he talks about Roswell, crash retrievals in general and biological specimens that have been collected.

But based on the Mitchellian model, that simply isn't the case.

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Agreed. They tried all kinds of stuff to discredit him, like delete his emails that would have proven some of his claims, made the claim that AATIP had nothing to do with UFOs, claimed he didn't run AATIP, there was some retaliation and threats from his former boss, tried to revoke his security clearance, etc. Here are some quotes and links:

On December 22, 2017, five days after Elizondo and AATIP made headlines in the New York Times, an investigation into Elizondo and the release of the three DoD videos depicting UAP incidents was launched by the Air Force Office of Special Investigation (AFOSI).

Speaking under the condition of anonymity, a senior defense official who had firsthand knowledge of the incident told The Debrief they knew for certain that the 2017-2018 AFOSI investigation was done at the behest of [Garry] Reid as a way of retaliating against Elizondo.

"[Garry] Reid had USDI Security put an entry in Elizondo's file on Scattered Castles, which is the clearance system used for IC interagency clearance passage, so that if he tried to go to any SCIF in the IC, Reid would get a call and be able to cause questions so that Interagency partners would come to believe there was a 'problem' and not let him in," the Defense official explained. <https://thedebrief.org/sex-lies-and-ufos-pentagons-head-of-counterintelligence-and-security-ousted/>

"Neither AATIP nor AAWSAP were UAP related," said Pentagon spokesperson Susan Gough in an e-mail to The Black Vault. <https://www.theblackvault.com/documentarchive/the-pentagon-corrects-record-on-secret-ufo-program/>

Pentagon Reinforces Luis Elizondo Had "No Responsibilities" on AATIP; Senator Harry Reid's 2009 Memo Changes Nothing <https://www.theblackvault.com/documentarchive/pentagon-reinforces-mr-luis-elizondo-had-no-responsibilities-on-aatip-senator-harry-reids-2009-memo-changes-nothing/> (did you really believe this?)

The evidence collected here overwhelmingly suggests the government was indeed studying UFOs and not, as the Pentagon has said, "investigating foreign advanced aerospace weapons system applications with future technology projections over the next 40 years, and to create a center of expertise on advanced aerospace technologies." <https://www.popularmechanics.com/military/research/a30916275/government-secret-ufo-program-investigation/>

Now, more than three and a half years after Elizondo told his extraordinary story about investigating unidentified aerial threats for the U.S. government, the saga has taken an unexpected turn. The DoD has now admitted exclusively to The Black Vault that they have destroyed some of the most crucial evidence that could either prove, or disprove, Elizondo's work history within a secret UFO study known as AATIP. <https://www.theblackvault.com/documentarchive/pentagon-destroyed-e-mails-of-former-intelligence-official-tied-to-ufo-investigation-claims/>

Some more quotes from The Debrief article:

According to documents related to a May 2021 IG complaint filed by Elizondo,

which was reviewed by The Debrief, shortly after resigning on October 5, 2017, Elizondo received a call from his former boss Garry Reid.

A "clearly upset" Reid wanted to know what he should do with Elizondo's resignation letter and demanded he come to see him at the Pentagon. When Elizondo declined the invitation, Reid reportedly threatened him, saying he would "tell people you are crazy, and it might impact your security clearance."

By November, Elizondo said he received several phone calls from former colleagues at OUSD(I&S) warning him that Reid and "Employee 1" (from the IG complaint) were "coming after him."

This could be written off as an apparently emotional and volatile former boss blowing off steam. However, it would seem, Reid indeed did attempt to make good on his threats.

Finally, I obviously can't demonstrate this because it's difficult to provide evidence by design, but I personally think they ran an online astroturfing campaign against him to discredit him in the eyes of the public as a "disinformation agent," a quack, etc. They have the tools to do it and have done similar things in the past. If you familiarize yourself with COINTELPRO, you'd realize how easy it would be to do stuff like this.

Elizondo is just another whistleblower in a very long line of other UFO whistleblowers going back 70 years. It's crazy, but this is reality.

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Agreed 1000%.

This is purely out of my own intuition, but I just don't buy that the only reason Reid went to enormous lengths to spite Lue was some watercooler vendetta. Importantly, the IG's report on Reid specifies that the reason for Reid's dismissal has not been made public - this is despite all we know about this man's character flaws. To me, this implies something going on at an even deeper level regarding Reid. What the hell was this guy up to?

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Reid ran the Army's JREG SMU, right?

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So why would Lue know some of the deepest government secrets about UAPs?

Because

There was that interview with Ross Coulthart, I can't remember who did it, very likely it was Generation Zed. However I'm not 100% sure.

Anyway, there was a segment of that interview, where RossCo attempted to explain why Elizondo is no ordinary government employee. Actually, his significance is extremely underestimated.

Long story short, according to bits of information he got familiar with, Elizondo was a gatekeeper and overseer of some of the special access programs focused on the UAP issue. In the other words, he didn't just get the chance to gather some intel, or to have a glimpse of the UFO topic. He had an access to much more of the UAP related facts, than he has ever admitted publicly.

Edit. I have just watched the most recent interview with Steven Greenstreet on The Unidentified Celebrity Review, and he kind of confirmed the same thing Coulthart said, while also adding some new bits and bats regarding Elizondo.

If you're going to watch it, it's somewhere around 1:30:00 mark.

PS. To me it is another confirmation of the claim I made quite early, after Elizondo went 'live'.

Elizondo's public face is not entirely his real face. At this point I would rather say that there might be only a small percentage of Elizondo in Elizondo as a public person.

It's possible that we have seen only a tip of the iceberg.

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The...atip of the iceberg if you will?

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I feel that Elizondo has been pretty conspicuous in hinting that he knows much more about this topic than he is revealing publicly. Why isn't he revealing it? Because he doesn't want to get crucified for presenting classified information illegally to the public.

He's made it clear that it's up to everyone to exert appropriate political pressure to get this information disclosed, which appears to be what is happening.

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I think there's also one specific aspect of the fact that you have just mentioned.

Elizondo leaves significant amount of clues, but he mainly answers only the questions he's asked. You won't catch him too often on getting carried away.

My question - do we really know what other questions we could ask him to make

the best use of his knowledge?

I highly doubt that. Obviously, there are things he won't be able to talk about. Still, I have a feeling that the public reached its limitations when it comes to extracting information out of Elizondo.

The loop is closing. Hence the reason for Elizondo's decision to limit his public presence.

Unless someone can make a better use of the clues he's left behind.

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I have high hopes for his book. He keeps emphasizing that he is writing this book "for a very specific purpose that will become obvious once the book is out". I believe this purpose to be that he wants to write down everything he knows (and can disclose without infringing national security) and have it pass through the Pre-Publication Review process. This will do 3 things:

Force the DoD to deeply research internally if any of his information holds water and is in any way protected information. This means that rogue elements either have to officially come forward to block the release (which would be good, because it finally makes them traceable) OR the information will get out into the public (even better).

Give Lue officially green light to talk about A LOT more things. The Pre-Publication Review gives him black-on-white what he can and cannot talk about despite his NDA. No more grey areas, hints, breadcrumbs and fuzziness.

Plant a flag in the ground, fixing the current progress of disclosure. There will never be any going back from that point onwards.

All of this, of course, relies on Lue to provide truthful information, backed up by evidence. I expect there to be quite a bit of legal back and forth between Lue and the DoD, but luckily he has an excellent attorney, Danny Sheehan.

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THANK YOU! This is EXACTLY what Lue is hoping to do!

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When should we expect the release of said book?

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Edit : I was wrong. Book has no publication date yet.

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Also, all the times in interviews he's brought up his interactions with what he called "the Greybeards", which he described as people within the DoD who have been there a long time and are the "keepers of the keys" of the legacy UFO programs.

Furthermore, for some reason no one seems to realize AATIP was just a small part of Lue's portfolio in his role in the OUSDI. His main job was the director of the National Programs Special Management Service (NPSMS), an office of which there are only two known public references: One in his resignation letter, and one in the court documents of the Khalid Sheikh Mohammed (the 9/11 mastermind). The court documents refer to the the NPSMS as the "SAP (Special Access Program) access people." This is all covered in this great article by TheBlackVault:

<https://www.theblackvault.com/documentarchive/pentagon-destroyed-e-mails-of-former-intelligence-official-tied-to-ufo-investigation-claims/amp/>

Lue knows more than most people realize. People have also forgotten he basically confirmed via his NDA side-stepping answers that MAJESTIC and ZODIAC were real, but he couldn't go into detail. His reaction when this question has been asked says it all:

RD: Let me ask you this: Have you ever cross come across evidence that supports the reality of an organization, whether we call it MJ12, or Zodiac? Are there any of these organizations that you've come across that you think could be...that you've heard of?

LE: Sure, absolutely.

RD: Okay, so. Zodiac, I want to ask about that because I've got reasons for asking. Is this something that you've come across?

LE: Yes.

RD: So, may I ask you what you can say about that?

LE: I cannot

RD: You cannot say anything about it?

LE: Unfortunately, I cannot comment on any aspects of, or any details or...you asked me if I heard of it. I cannot confirm nor deny any aspects of a program, if it did exist, with a name of zodiac,

RD: Gotcha. MJ-12?

LE: I'm gonna stick with the same headline. I cannot confirm nor deny.

<https://www.ufojoe.net/lue-dolan-transcript/>

And in another interview:

ETP: "MJ12: if that was such a thing, I don't understand if it would have been official or rogue?"

LE: "Or both."

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYUHEC4RAkM&t=67m39s>

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The lue hate equates to full on zealotry at this point. The fact is he has followed through with every single thing he's said he's going to do. Things have progressed at the pace he's told us to expect it to. People who say he should spill all the info and lose his security clearance/break his NDA have the mindset of children who don't consider consequences. The 'give me the info now and who cares about the ramifications' attitude some people have is down right juvenile.

I read lue as a man who values honor and integrity. Due to that I'll happily take his word over some redditor who has no skin in the game and can't understand what the possible implications finding out the truth of the phenomenon might have on humanity at large. We can't even respect one another's human differences, how will we take finding out something like there being countless advanced civilizations out there that make us look like stupid children as a species. Shit, some people in these forums can't even fathom the idea that it's possible that advanced species would tend to be less warlike than us due to the fact that warlike civilizations always destroy themselves in our own history alone.

One thing to consider, if we had access to the power source these craft would need to operate as they do, it would fundamentally change the worlds energy needs. In turn it would change our entire world economy and the majority of reasons we go to war with one another.

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They whacked Gary Webb for exposing CIA drug running and people think someone could breathe a word (without authorization) about what's probably the biggest, darkest, deepest government secret ever without disappearing?

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Sure Lue has a book deal to gain by lying but so far he has not taken a dime for any of his speaking engagements on podcasts, etc.

He has a TON to lose if this is all a lie. He has already lost a senior level government pension. It seems unlikely that he is lying at this point.

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How many people were in AATIP?

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Reid was responsible for most of the smearing and attempts to discredit.

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Risk vs benefit

He can be sued, he can face military prosecution ... so he's going to be careful about what legal limits bind his ability to be forthcoming with what information he knows

Now if he builds a public profile large enough that insulates him quite a lot from military prosecution - the pressure swings against the military for going after him when in the public's mind he's just trying to get facts out to the people - facts gathered by taxpayer money mind you

Getting sued is still a real problem because that's a contract he signed

If and until evidence comes out that he's leading a psy-op or misdirection people should give him the benefit of the doubt that he's doing what he says he's doing as best he can given the institutional desire to not expose or share this type of information

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Lue is the truth and a hero.

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"Because they were desperate and they panicked."

And Lou's boss let his large ego get the best of him. Now he's gone. Bye bye imbecile.

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It should also be mentioned that he doesn't take any concern for himself. He states he views it as his moral obligation to the common man. Being his family suffering from how he's being viewed as they know this truth but couldn't say anything. That to me along with what you state only constitutes that we're hearing the truth and facts about it.

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Disclaimer: Before I begin, I want to stress the fact that accusing other random people of being shills is not a beneficial thing. You should only do this when you have actual evidence. Please do not go around calling random people government bots. The odds are the person is real because covert internet operations must be disguised quite well by design. They will probably blend in perfectly most of the time, or at least they won't usually leave evidence behind. Maybe the lower level corporate shills are easy to spot, but they are not the subject of this post. The purpose of this post is to benefit the conversation and help people understand that they need to be aware of this when online, but calling random people bots is the opposite of beneficial. Just share this post if you come across a user who is not aware of this.

Spread the information, not baseless accusations.

You would have thought that the internet would have forced this subject to light with the massive amount of free flowing information, so what's going on?

For context and why this almost certainly applies to the topic of UFOs/aliens, see one of my previous posts: In the early 1950s, the CIA put forward a plan to spread UFO debunking propaganda to American audiences. By partnering with mass media, psychologists, and advertising specialists, they would reduce public interest in UFOs.

They realized that if they could prevent the majority of the public from seeing most of the unexplainable cases, and instead the public was deliberately fed a higher percentage of solved/mundane reports, they could convince you that there was nothing to ufology. It doesn't matter if you come across a really good case once in a blue moon. It's that exaggerated percentage of bullshit that does it.

Bonus points if they can convince you to believe that you are smarter than those 'wacko UFO nuts.'

Back to internet astroturfing, they literally consider themselves to be internet magicians from their own documents. See "The Art of Deception: Training for a New Generation of Online Covert Operations", leaked courtesy of Edward Snowden. <https://theintercept.com/document/2014/02/24/art-deception-training-new-generation-online-covert-operations/> (Notice that UFOs made a few appearances in there) EDIT: this link breaks pretty often apparently. Here's an archive

<https://archive.ph/deAuw> (currently works) And another:
<https://web.archive.org/web/20190626033632/https://theintercept.com/document/2014/02/24/art-deception-training-new-generation-online-covert-operations/> (even this archive is not working on mobile for me now, so hopefully between those three links, at least one works for you)

Here are like 80 articles from the New York Times, The Guardian, etc on how various government agencies have teams to sway the masses by manipulating the internet, as well as "shill bots":
https://np.reddit.com/r/shills/comments/4kdq7n/astroturfing_information_megathread_revision_8/

This is real stuff. The United States, Saudi Arabia, Russia, Britain, Israel, China, and many other countries have teams of people who manipulate your perception by playing magic tricks against you on the internet. Tons of corporations have also been caught red handed doing this. You're much more likely to trust your "peers" than some talking head on TV. If you think the people speaking to you online are all your peers, you better think again.

How did they get people to believe that shilling is just a paranoid conspiracy theory when this stuff is wide open for everyone to read? They've been doing this for over a decade and started automating it years ago, so now we have classified advanced artificial intelligence shill bots.

Why don't people want to discuss this?!! Why is it always framed as a conspiracy theory rather than a fact?

This is the kind of stuff they used to do before the internet:

The COINTELPRO operators targeted multiple groups at once and encouraged splintering of these groups from within. In letter-writing campaigns (wherein false letters were sent on behalf of members of parties), the FBI ensured that groups would not unite in their causes. For instance, they launched a campaign specifically to alienate the Black Panther Party from the Mau Maus, Young Lords, Young Patriots and SDS. These racially diverse groups had been building alliances, in part due to charismatic leaders such as Fred Hampton and his attempts to create a "Rainbow Coalition". The FBI was concerned with ensuring that groups could not gain traction through unity, specifically across racial lines. One of the main ways of targeting these groups was to arouse suspicion between the different parties and causes. In this way the bureau took on a divide and conquer offensive.[47] <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/COINTELPRO>

This is what the 21st century version of COINTELPRO looks like:

By publishing these stories one by one, our NBC reporting highlighted some of the key, discrete revelations: the monitoring of YouTube and Blogger, the targeting of Anonymous with the very same DDoS attacks they accuse "hacktivists" of using, the use of "honey traps" (luring people into compromising situations using sex) and destructive viruses. But, here, I want to focus and elaborate on the overarching point revealed by all of these documents: namely, that these agencies are attempting to control, infiltrate, manipulate, and warp online discourse, and in doing so, are compromising the integrity of the internet itself.

Among the core self-identified purposes of JTRIG are two tactics: (1) to inject all sorts of false material onto the internet in order to destroy the reputation of its targets; and (2) to use social sciences and other techniques to manipulate online discourse and activism to generate outcomes it considers desirable. To see how extremist these programs are, just consider the tactics they boast of using to achieve those ends: "false flag operations" (posting material to the internet and falsely attributing it to someone else), fake victim blog posts (pretending to be a victim of the individual whose reputation they want to destroy), and posting "negative information" on various forums.
<https://theintercept.com/2014/02/24/jtrig-manipulation/>

This stuff has already been proven. Now imagine what kinds of insanity they have going on behind closed doors... Stop ignoring this information, people, and for the love of god, stop claiming that this is just paranoia. This is a factual reality.

The UFO subject is highly classified. Why would the MIB ignore this highly exploitable vulnerability in the population? Why would they have no interest in performing magic tricks to debunk cases when it's so easy to do?

Have you ever seen a user claim that something has already been debunked, but you couldn't find a citation anywhere? I think this starts off with one user very confidently claiming that a particular case has been debunked, then other people just keep repeating it and it spreads everywhere.

Are there other 'magic tricks' they could be using? Yes. One of them is exploiting probability and discrediting witnesses.

Why legitimate UFO footage is guaranteed to be "debunked": probability is not common sense.
https://np.reddit.com/r/aliens/comments/t1xuq4/why_legitimate_ufo_footage_is_guaranteed_to_be/

The 'metapod' UFO resembles a man made thing, a nature made thing, a piece of art, and a piece of science fiction. Since it couldn't possibly be all of these things at once, this demonstrates that you're mathematically guaranteed to find resemblance somewhere, even with very obscure looking UFOs. Legitimate UFOs of a much simpler shape stand no chance against this debunking method.
https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/u1xuc2/the_metapod_ufo_resembles_a_man_made_thing_a/

Another possibility is spreading tons of UFO myths. We've all heard them. They are everywhere. Real people buy into them and spread them, perhaps because they saw that tons of "people" online believe those myths, so they must be true.

Why don't astronomers see UFOs (some do), why aren't there any clear photos (there are), why are all/most sightings in America (not true), why would aliens travel millions of light years to get here (2,000 stars within 50 lights years of earth), how could this be when interstellar travel is impossible according to scientists (this is not true), how could the government keep everyone quiet (there are literally hundreds of whistleblowers and quite a few leaked official photos and videos), why aren't there videos of insane movement (there are, but the government also confiscates some of the best evidence), how could the government keep this topic down even though it's an open secret (from a literal proven propaganda operation), etc.

They've successfully built up this series of walls in people's heads like Russian dolls. You break down one wall and there are a dozen more to go. If at least one wall is still left standing, the person still can't accept the UFO reality.

Be careful when you see a debunking online. You have to make sure it actually demonstrates that the case is mundane/fraudulent, rather than playing an elaborate magic trick on you. After all, they successfully "debunked" the Flir1 video as a "CGI hoax" when it was leaked online the first time by pointing out a coincidence in the case, but as you can see above, you should expect to find a coincidence in a case if you dig hard enough.

Safe travels.

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Absolutely. They've muddied the waters by lumping the UFO phenomenon in with nonsense like flat earth and fake moon landing. Even today with all the stuff that's come out, you tell any random person you believe in aliens and they assume you must also be a flat earth wacko or something along those lines

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The funny thing is that the debunker crowd is more and more resembling the flat earther crowd with everything that has happened over the past 5 years. Skepticism is required on this topic, but maybe we'll always have debunkers. Maybe it will slowly dwindle down to a core group, kinda like flat earth groups, who energetically disagree with an obvious reality. A lot of the news over the past few years hasn't gotten around to everyone, so they don't know how much progress has been made and how many facts have been established.

I think there's something going on with random people irl. The people who accept the UFO reality are likely much quieter because of the decades of ridicule, so you might get nervous laughter from some of them. According to Gallup polls, 49% of Americans believe there are "people somewhat like ourselves" living on other planets. 41 percent of Americans accept that some UFOs are aliens spaceships. That's a big chunk of people, but we don't notice this because those people often stay quiet and try to protect their reputations.

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I get downvoted every time I bring this up and it makes me laugh, but this is why I draw a firm distinction between

a) Debunkers - meaning professionals in some field (particularly science in this case) who have done some kind of actual, rigorous work to disprove or explain something.

and

b) "Debunkers" - meaning u/randofuck999 who simply comes in, bangs out a few lines, insults someone, and - at best - throws up a link to something else.

Those in category "a" need to be cultivated and appreciated for what they provide to the topic. Those in category "b" can be safely ignored.

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dunno. These are just lay people too. In Ireland of all places. We do have some interesting ufo lore here. My grandmother swore she saw one in the 70s in what I think is a relatively famous case in Dublin. However I've had a hard time finding articles online about it. I must visit a library sometime and have a look through their archives.

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To make matters worse, this is becoming automated, so the amount of manipulation could be exponentially greater than it was just 10 years ago. The integrity of the internet is at stake. We thought the internet was going to allow mass communication, but it's being used for mass deception.

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Right, I think I understand how astroturfing works and how government and agencies can take benefit of that.

Also I think Internet is becoming a real danger, I mean, most of the people lives in auto mode, you know, when I go out to work but I can't remember if I locked the door or so, living on this mode makes people more vulnerable and as consequence a person with lack of criteria for example, and if we add the cellphone dependency (or addiction), make us a perfect prey.

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Great post u/MKULTRA_Escapee, right on target.

I'm quite happy to hear people's counterpoints to my posts or comments, but when they simply reply "you are mentally ill", "this is garbage", stop posting this nonsense", multiple times, you have to wonder - "why do they bother?" Do they lack an internal monologue and therefore have to verbalize their thoughts? I've had people complain that they hate coming here "because of the rubbish you post", however, they still hang around. Why don't they get off the Internet and go walk their dog or something? It's very weird - normal people would disengage and do something else. It's like they are trying to demonstrate to a third party that they have argued a particular counterpoint.

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Who are the shills now? The Govt or the aliens? And which Govt? There are quite a few out there....

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This post is incredible. Very glad there are folks like you putting this information together, gives me hope.

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u/APensiveMonkey avatar
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I mean...have you spent much time in r/UFOS? I could name 10 professional shills off the top of my head.

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As long as they could be some fundie or some other kind of person who has an extreme bias and can't get over it, I think we'd have to give them the benefit of the doubt. People who put so much stock in a worldview that is crumbling before their eyes... we could feel bad for them and try to help them see why that worldview simply doesn't work anymore. At one time, a very long time ago, I was that religious fundie, so I know the mindset.

It doesn't even have to be a religious thing. People have been exposed to literally 70 years of propaganda, not just on UFOs. I think part of that operation was molding large groups of people, herding them in the direction they want.

But I would agree that over the years I have been on Reddit, and not just on

that sub, I've come across very suspicious people, but that's the problem. You usually can't really tell by design. A successful operation like that has to happen this way because if it didn't, you'd be able to expose them. They can only exaggerate the amount of those "fundies" out there, blending in with them, but pinpointing exactly which ones are literal shells or bots is, I think, more difficult than it seems it would be at first.

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All good points. But there are certainly people/profiles that were brand new, spewed anti-UFO disinformation (including outright lies), I'd call them out, I'd get banned for a week, and they'd be inactive thereafter. Often permanently. That appears very targeted and suspicious in my eyes.

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This is one of the most important posts on Reddit Ufology. Phenomenonal.

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Yes.

r/ufos is absolutely teeming with them; many of them fairly easy to identify or spot out if you look at their profile or through their posting history.

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Another good post MK, I recall Stanton Friedman on a podium making some of these same points, and demonstrating that Blue Book clearly reflects a significant amount of unknown objects defy terrestrial explanations.

It always cracks me up when someone cites the Condon report as proof we "debunked" UFO's; in reality most of the documents strongly support the non-human intelligence controlled craft hypothesis.

Despite the efforts of the government, we know UAPs exist and operate on/around earth frequently. Hopefully we will know who and why soon, but we have to stop fighting with each other and get ourselves together!

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Disclaimer: Before I begin, I want to stress the fact that accusing other random people of being skills is not a beneficial thing. You should only do this when you have actual evidence. Please do not go around calling random people government bots. The odds are the person is real because covert internet operations must be disguised quite well by design. They will probably blend in perfectly most of the time, or at least they won't usually leave evidence behind. Maybe the lower level corporate skills are easy to spot, but they are not the subject of this post. The purpose of this post is to benefit the conversation and help people understand that they need to be aware of this when online, but calling random people bots is the opposite of beneficial. Just share this post if you come across a user who is not aware of this.

Spread the information, not baseless accusations.

You would have thought that the internet would have forced this subject to light with the massive amount of free flowing information, so what's going on?

For context and why this almost certainly applies to the topic of UFOs/aliens, see one of my previous posts: In the early 1950s, the CIA put forward a plan to spread UFO debunking propaganda to American audiences. By partnering with mass media, psychologists, and advertising specialists, they would reduce public interest in UFOs.

They realized that if they could prevent the majority of the public from seeing most of the unexplainable cases, and instead the public was deliberately fed a higher percentage of solved/mundane reports, they could convince you that there was nothing to ufology. It doesn't matter if you come across a really good case once in a blue moon. It's that exaggerated percentage of bullshit that does it.

Bonus points if they can convince you to believe that you are smarter than those 'wacko UFO nuts.'

Back to internet astroturfing, they literally consider themselves to be internet magicians from their own documents. See "The Art of Deception: Training for a New Generation of Online Covert Operations", leaked courtesy of Edward Snowden. <https://theintercept.com/document/2014/02/24/art-deception-training-new-generation-online-covert-operations/> (Notice that UFOs made a few appearances in there) EDIT: this link breaks pretty often apparently. Here's an archive <https://archive.ph/deAuw> (currently works) And another: <https://web.archive.org/web/20190626033632/https://theintercept.com/document/2014/02/24/art-deception-training-new-generation-online-covert-operations/> (even this archive is not working on mobile for me now, so hopefully between those three links, at least one works for you)

Here are like 80 articles from the New York Times, The Guardian, etc on how various government agencies have teams to sway the masses by manipulating the internet, as well as "shill bots": https://np.reddit.com/r/shills/comments/4kdq7n/astroturfing_information_megathread_revision_8/

This is real stuff. The United States, Saudi Arabia, Russia, Britain, Israel, China, and many other countries have teams of people who manipulate your perception by playing magic tricks against you on the internet. Tons of corporations have also been caught red handed doing this. You're much more likely to trust your "peers" than some talking head on TV. If you think the people speaking to you online are all your peers, you better think again.

How did they get people to believe that shilling is just a paranoid conspiracy theory when this stuff is wide open for everyone to read? They've been doing this for over a decade and started automating it years ago, so now we have classified advanced artificial intelligence shill bots.

Why don't people want to discuss this?!! Why is it always framed as a conspiracy theory rather than a fact?

This is the kind of stuff they used to do before the internet:

The COINTELPRO operators targeted multiple groups at once and encouraged splintering of these groups from within. In letter-writing campaigns (wherein false letters were sent on behalf of members of parties), the FBI ensured that groups would not unite in their causes. For instance, they launched a campaign specifically to alienate the Black Panther Party from the Mau Maus, Young Lords, Young Patriots and SDS. These racially diverse groups had been building alliances, in part due to charismatic leaders such as Fred Hampton and his attempts to create a "Rainbow Coalition". The FBI was concerned with ensuring that groups could not gain traction through unity, specifically across racial lines. One of the main ways of targeting these groups was to arouse suspicion between the different parties and causes. In this way the bureau took on a divide and conquer offensive.[47] <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/COINTELPRO>

This is what the 21st century version of COINTELPRO looks like:

By publishing these stories one by one, our NBC reporting highlighted some of the key, discrete revelations: the monitoring of YouTube and Blogger, the targeting of Anonymous with the very same DDoS attacks they accuse "hacktivists" of using, the use of "honey traps" (luring people into compromising situations using sex) and destructive viruses. But, here, I want to focus and elaborate on the overarching point revealed by all of these documents: namely, that these agencies are attempting to control, infiltrate, manipulate, and warp online discourse, and in doing so, are compromising the integrity of the internet itself.

Among the core self-identified purposes of JTRIG are two tactics: (1) to inject all sorts of false material onto the internet in order to destroy the reputation of its targets; and (2) to use social sciences and other techniques to manipulate online discourse and activism to generate outcomes it considers desirable. To see how extremist these programs are, just consider the tactics they boast of using to achieve those ends: "false flag operations" (posting material to the internet and falsely attributing it to someone else), fake victim blog posts (pretending to be a victim of the individual whose reputation they want to destroy), and posting "negative information" on various forums. <https://theintercept.com/2014/02/24/jtrig-manipulation/>

This stuff has already been proven. Now imagine what kinds of insanity they have going on behind closed doors... Stop ignoring this information, people, and for the love of god, stop claiming that this is just paranoia. This is a factual reality.

The UFO subject is highly classified. Why would the MIB ignore this highly exploitable vulnerability in the population? Why would they have no interest in performing magic tricks to debunk cases when it's so easy to do?

Have you ever seen a user claim that something has already been debunked, but you couldn't find a citation anywhere? I think this starts off with one user very confidently claiming that a particular case has been debunked, then other people just keep repeating it and it spreads everywhere.

Are there other 'magic tricks' they could be using? Yes. One of them is exploiting probability and discrediting witnesses.

Why legitimate UFO footage is guaranteed to be "debunked": probability is not common sense. https://np.reddit.com/r/aliens/comments/t1xuq4/why_legitimate_ufo_footage_is_guaranteed_to_be/

The 'metapod' UFO resembles a man made thing, a nature made thing, a piece of art, and a piece of science fiction. Since it couldn't possibly be all of these things at once, this demonstrates that you're mathematically guaranteed to find resemblance somewhere, even with very obscure looking UFOs. Legitimate UFOs of a much simpler shape stand no chance against this debunking method. https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/u1xuc2/the_metapod_ufo_resembles_a_man_made_thing_a/

Another possibility is spreading tons of UFO myths. We've all heard them. They are everywhere. Real people buy into them and spread them, perhaps because they saw that tons of "people" online believe those myths, so they must be true.

Why don't astronomers see UFOs (some do), why aren't there any clear photos (there are), why are all/most sightings in America (not true), why would aliens travel millions of light years to get here (2,000 stars within 50 lights years of earth), how could this be when interstellar travel is impossible according to scientists (this is not true), how could the government keep everyone quiet (there are literally hundreds of whistleblowers and quite a few leaked official photos and videos), why aren't there videos of insane movement (there are, but

the government also confiscates some of the best evidence), how could the government keep this topic down even though it's an open secret (from a literal proven propaganda operation), etc.

They've successfully built up this series of walls in people's heads like Russian dolls. You break down one wall and there are a dozen more to go. If at least one wall is still left standing, the person still can't accept the UFO reality.

Be careful when you see a debunking online. You have to make sure it actually demonstrates that the case is mundane/fraudulent, rather than playing an elaborate magic trick on you. After all, they successfully "debunked" the Flir1 video as a "CGI hoax" when it was leaked online the first time by pointing out a coincidence in the case, but as you can see above, you should expect to find a coincidence in a case if you dig hard enough.

Safe travels.

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Comments Section

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Absolutely. They've muddied them waters by lumping the UFO phenomenon in with nonsense like flat earth and fake moon landing. Even today with all the stuff that's come out, you tell any random person you believe in aliens and they assume you must also be a flat earth wacko or something along those lines

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The funny thing is that the debunker crowd is more and more resembling the flat earther crowd with everything that has happened over the past 5 years. Skepticism is required on this topic, but maybe we'll always have debunkers. Maybe it will slowly dwindle down to a core group, kinda like flat earth groups, who energetically disagree with an obvious reality. A lot of the news over the past few years hasn't gotten around to everyone, so they don't know how much progress has been made and how many facts have been established.

I think there's something going on with random people irl. The people who accept the UFO reality are likely much quieter because of the decades of ridicule, so you might get nervous laughter from some of them. According to Gallup polls, 49% of Americans believe there are "people somewhat like ourselves" living on other planets. 41 percent of Americans accept that some UFOs are aliens spaceships. That's a big chunk of people, but we don't notice this because those people often stay quiet and try to protect their reputations.

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I get downvoted every time I bring this up and it makes me laugh, but this is why I draw a firm distinction between

a) Debunkers - meaning professionals in some field (particularly science in this case) who have done some kind of actual, rigorous work to disprove or explain something.

and

b) "Debunkers" - meaning u/randofuck999 who simply comes in, bangs out a few lines, insults someone, and - at best - throws up a link to something else.

Those in category "a" need to be cultivated and appreciated for what they provide to the topic. Those in category "b" can be safely ignored.

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3y ago

Right, I think I understand how astroturfing works and how government and agencies can take benefit of that.

Also I think Internet is becoming a real danger, I mean, most of the people lives in auto mode, you know, when I go out to work but I can't remember if I locked the door or so, living on this mode makes people more vulnerable and as consequence a person with lack of criteria for example, and if we add the cellphone dependency (or addiction), make us a perfect prey.

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Great post u/MKULTRA_Escapee, right on target.

I'm quite happy to hear people's counterpoints to my posts or comments, but when they simply reply "you are mentally ill", "this is garbage", stop posting this nonsense", multiple times, you have to wonder - "why do they bother?" Do they lack an internal monologue and therefore have to verbalize their thoughts? I've had people complain that they hate coming here "because of the rubbish you post", however, they still hang around. Why don't they get off the Internet and go walk their dog or something? It's very weird - normal people would disengage and do something else. It's like they are trying to demonstrate to a third party that they have argued a particular counterpoint.

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FoulYouthLeader

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Who are the shills now? The Govt or the aliens? And which Govt? There are quite a few out there....

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Kuwabaraa

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This post is incredible. Very glad there are folks like you putting this information together, gives me hope.

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I mean...have you spent much time in r/UFOs? I could name 10 professional shills off the top of my head.

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As long as they could be some fundie or some other kind of person who has an extreme bias and can't get over it, I think we'd have to give them the benefit of the doubt. People who put so much stock in a worldview that is crumbling before their eyes... we could feel bad for them and try to help them see why that worldview simply doesn't work anymore. At one time, a very long time ago, I was that religious fundie, so I know the mindset.

It doesn't even have to be a religious thing. People have been exposed to literally 70 years of propaganda, not just on UFOs. I think part of that operation was molding large groups of people, herding them in the direction they want.

But I would agree that over the years I have been on Reddit, and not just on that sub, I've come across very suspicious people, but that's the problem. You usually can't really tell by design. A successful operation like that has to happen this way because if it didn't, you'd be able to expose them. They can only exaggerate the amount of those "fundies" out there, blending in with them, but pinpointing exactly which ones are literal shells or bots is, I think, more difficult than it seems it would be at first.

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4y ago

All good points. But there are certainly people/profiles that were brand new, spewed anti-UFO disinformation (including outright lies), I'd call them out, I'd get banned for a week, and they'd be inactive thereafter. Often permanently. That appears very targeted and suspicious in my eyes.

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Sharp-Expression9135

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This is one of the most important posts on Reddit Ufology. Phenomenonal.

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Yes.

r/ufos is absolutely teeming with them; many of them fairly easy to identify or spot out if you look at their profile or through their posting history.

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u/idahononono avatar
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4y ago

Another good post MK, I recall Stanton Friedman on a podium making some of these same points, and demonstrating that Blue Book clearly reflects a significant amount of unknown objects defy terrestrial explanations.

It always cracks me up when someone cites the Condon report as proof we "debunked" UFO's; in reality most of the documents strongly support the non-human intelligence controlled craft hypothesis.

Despite the efforts of the government, we know UAPs exist and operate on/around earth frequently. Hopefully we will know who and why soon, but we have to stop fighting with each other and get ourselves together!

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Training meant more public education on how to identify known objects in the sky. "The use of true cases showing first the 'mystery' and then the 'explanation' would be forceful," the report said. Debunking "would be accomplished by mass media such as television, motion pictures, and popular articles."

That plan involved using psychologists, advertising experts, amateur astronomers and even Disney cartoons to create propaganda to reduce public interest. And civilian U.F.O. groups should be "watched," the report stated, because of their "great influence on mass thinking if widespread sightings should occur."

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/15/arts/television/project-blue-book-history-true-story.html>

One of the tactics they used was to only show the solved reports. Don't mention the cases that defy explanation.

...It was the typical negative approach. I know that the negative approach is typical of the way that material is handed out by the Air Force because I was continually being told to "tell them about the sighting reports we've solved—don't mention the unknowns." I was never ordered to tell this, but it was a strong suggestion and in the military when higher headquarters suggests, you do.

-The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects, by Edward J. Ruppelt, Air Force Director of Project Grudge and Blue Book [1956] - Chapter 5, page 62.

Any UFO reports which could affect national security went into a separate system from the public "Project Blue Book."

...Moreover, reports of unidentified flying objects which could affect national security are made in accordance with JANAP 146 or Air Force Manual 55-11, and are not part of the Blue Book system (Atch 10). The Air Force experience therefore confirms the impression of the University of Colorado researchers "that the defense function could be performed within the framework established for intelligence and surveillance operations without the continuance of a special unit such as Project Blue Book."

...Termination of Project Blue Book would have no adverse effect on Air Force operations or research programs.

...Termination of Project Blue Book would leave no official federal office to receive reports of UFOs. However, as already stated, reports of UFOs which could affect national security would continue to be handled through the standard Air Force procedures designed for this purpose.

Declassified document: https://www.nicap.org/docs/Bolender_draft.pdf

Background information: https://www.nicap.org/Bolender_Memo.htm

Note that the government claimed in 1969 they were no longer interested in studying and collecting information on flying saucers. The above declassified document proves that false.

Here is Colonel William T. Coleman and Colonel Friend on the history of Blue Book, along with an anonymous scientist working for the government on the

mysterious disappearance of good UFO reports that were siphoned off and sent to a covert UFO study program that continued to exist after Blue Book was publicly canceled: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6kjhZKNt8w>

We also know that at least 11 different government agencies/departments were collecting information on UFOs, not just the Air Force, and many of their files remained classified.

Even the possibility that these unknowns could be evidence of extraterrestrial visitations has been given serious attention in Government circles. While official interest in U.F.O.'s has long been thought to be strictly the concern of the Air Force, the bulk of whose records has been open to public view for nearly a decade, the recently released papers on U.F.O.'s indicate otherwise. The Departments of the Army, Navy, State and Defense, and the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the F.B.I., the C.I.A. and even the Atomic Energy Commission produced U.F.O. records over the years. Many of these agencies still do, and many of their documents remain classified. But it is the C.I.A. that appears to have played the key role in the controversy, and may even be responsible for the Government's conduct in U.F.O. investigations throughout the years.

<https://www.nytimes.com/1979/10/14/archives/ufo-files-the-untold-story.html>

Even though the government was trying to hoard the good stuff, Project Blue Book Special Report 14, a massive study on flying saucers done for the Air Force, concluded that over 20 percent of the thousands of cases they looked at could not be identified after attempts to debunk them. The higher the quality of case, the more likely it could not be explained. A full third of their excellent cases could not be identified. However, a fact such as this is detrimental to what they were trying to accomplish, so in 1955, the government put out a misleading statement that only 3 percent of reports were unknowns. Many of the older Blue Book cases used in this study came out prior to the massive clampdown on information. Conclusions: of all cases, 22 percent were unknowns. 42 percent explained with certainty. 27 percent doubtfully explained. 9 percent insufficient information to make a determination.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project_Blue_Book#Project_Blue_Book_Special_Report_No._14

The original press release can be seen here, Oct 25, 1955:
<https://imgur.com/a/82GLY6r>

Source here, page 43:
http://www.cufos.org/books/Air_Force_Project_Blue_Book_Special_Report_14R.pdf

Note the 3 percent figure, which was spread through the media. They also claimed if they had more data on the sightings, they could probably explain that 3 percent as well. This is at odds with their own results. The unknowns were an entirely separate category. They had another category of "insufficient information to make a determination." Since the higher the quality of report, the more likely it could not be explained, this suggests that more information would actually not allow them to explain the sightings. It was the other way around. 33.3 percent of the excellent cases were unknowns, as opposed to 16.6 percent of the poor cases. They had radar-visual sightings, multiple witness cases, and many highly credible witnesses, and simply could not find conventional explanations for over 20 percent of them.

This is one of the most misleading examples of this press release quoted in a newspaper that I could find: <https://imgur.com/a/cqYcOTm>

Source: <https://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc?a=d&d=SBS19551026.1.1&e=-----en--20--1--txt-txIN-donald+quarles-----1>

Example of Stanford Daily newspaper clipping where the misleading press release

was cited, claiming the study found flying saucers didn't exist:
<https://imgur.com/a/fFMGSGt>

Source: <https://stanforddailyarchive.com/cgi-bin/stanford?a=d&d=stanford19551026-01.2.18&txq=donald+quarles>

Another example of a newspaper clipping where the misleading press release was cited. They noted the misleading "3 percent unknown" figure:
<https://imgur.com/a/m0dqdrd>

Source: <https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metapth254454/m1/4/zoom/?q=donald%20quarles&resolution=4&lat=7481.021264516887&lon=3270.7152617820134>

A graph depicts the difference between the excellent and poor cases. See here:
<https://imgur.com/a/MLCRdXG>

Source here, page 78:
http://www.cufos.org/books/Air_Force_Project_Blue_Book_Special_Report_14R.pdf

Especially during the later years of Blue Book, according to the government's own scientific advisor, they were coming up with incompetent conventional explanations for UFOs.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project_Blue_Book#Hynek's_criticism

Another propaganda tactic they used was ridicule. If they could make the subject scientifically unrespectable, people would laugh and the government would receive less pushback from scientists and the media.

James E. McDonald, senior physicist at the Institute for Atmospheric Physics and professor in the Department of Meteorology, University of Arizona:

"Scientists all over the world have been misled by over-confidence in the quality of the research on UFOs by the U.S. Air Force," he said. "First among the jobs is to erase the ridicule which has placed the UFOs on the shelf as a 'nonsense problem'."

McDonald said: "Because of the current official, journalistic and scientific ridicule, there has been almost no scientific attention given to the problem."

- 'Erase Ridicule' McDonald Asks U.N. To Begin Study of UFOs, Tucson, Arizona Daily Citizen, June 15, 1967. Link:
http://physics.princeton.edu/~mcdonald/Family/James/670615_tucson_daily_citizen_jun_15_1967.pdf

J. Allen Hynek, member of the Robertson Panel, PhD astrophysics, astronomer and government scientific advisor to UFO studies:

"Ridicule is not part of the scientific method, and people should not be taught that it is. The steady flow of reports, often made in concert by reliable observers, raises questions of scientific obligation and responsibility."
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J._Allen_Hynek

"The implication in the Panel Report was that U.F.O.s were a nonsense (nonscience) matter, to be debunked at all costs," Hynek wrote. "It made the subject of U.F.O.s scientifically unrespectable."
<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/15/arts/television/project-blue-book-history-true-story.html>

In a 1960 letter to Congress, Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, who was first Director of the CIA, stated:

"Behind the scenes, high-ranking Air Force officers are soberly concerned about UFOs. But through official secrecy and ridicule, many citizens are led to believe the unknown flying objects are nonsense. To hide the facts, the Air

Force has silenced its personnel."

Full article: <https://imgur.com/a/ljgfJyx> (Actual link to article, paywall: <https://www.nytimes.com/1960/02/28/archives/air-forge-order-on-saucers-cited-pamphlet-by-the-inspector-general.html>)

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The agenda is spreading hard and fast right now.

Some are genuine and do not know of the real stuff going on .

They only know what is told to them. They are blinded to the truth , and are genuine in the tales they tell for some are real . As they have been given the right to tell such things, right now . Even encouraged by the high ups to do so . Some have such false lips of disgust of lies , it would allow no sleep if known of their betrayal of the basic good human man .

They are letting people know for reason, even putting across that they didn't know what to do about it all. That they were innocent , lost , and kept it hidden to help. Question everything.

For not all told, is the truth as it is told.

Their are groups within groups, of people in the know. Some are blind , some know (but can't say boo) and live in fear , some know all to well what it going on , and are enjoying their expensive tickets to freedom. Leaving humans to facethe unknown....

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I will admit that you and I probably read different meanings to a lot of the sources in here. Nevertheless; this is an absolutely fabulous and ambitious post. Not for the lazy reader. I commend you! Fantastic work dude!

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What do you make of it? Thanks!

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Let's just say I'm not as convinced they tell a story of intentional coverups as what is felt 'between the lines' in OP's post. More one of, while very interesting, how should I put it... 'confused interpretations of the human communication process'.

That is my bias.

My personal read from this should not cast any reflection on how thorough and impressive this post is on it's own.

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UFO crash, Cadotte, USA 1864:

A very interesting potential UFO crash story, showing how such a case has been described using the language, cultural behavior and scientific knowledge of year 1864. Of course there were no "secret aircraft" or "falling Russian satellite" to explain the event at the at the time.

The article

Newspaper: The Cincinnati Commercial.

Date: October 30, 1865.

Original article from the St. Louis Democrat, October 19, 1865.

A Strange Story

- A Messenger from the Celestial Regions

- A Stone Falls to the Ground with Characters Engraved Upon It

Mr. James Lumley, an old Rocky Mountain trapper, who has been stopping at the Everett House for several days, makes a most remarkable statement to us, and one, which if authenticated, will produce the greatest excitement in the scientific world.

Mr. Lumley states that about the middle of last September, he was engaged in trapping in the mountains, about seventy-five or one hundred miles above the great falls of the Upper Missouri, and in the neighborhood of what is known as Cadotte Pass. Just after sunset one evening he beheld a bright, luminous body in the heavens, which was moving with a great rapidity in an easterly direction. It was plainly visible for at least five seconds, when it suddenly separated into particles, resembling, as Mr. Lumley described it, the bursting of a skyrocket

in the air. A few minutes later he heard a heavy explosion, which jarred the earth very perceptibly, and this was shortly after followed by a rumbling sound, like a tornado sweeping through the forest. A strong wind sprang up about the same time, but as suddenly subsided. The air was also filled with a peculiar odor of a sulphurous character.

These incidents would have made but slight impression on the mind of Mr. Lumley, but for the fact that on the ensuing day he discovered, at a distance of about two miles from his camping place, that, as far as he could see in either direction, a path had been cut through the forest, several rods wide - giant trees uprooted or broken off near the ground - the tops of hills shaved off, and the earth plowed up in many places. Great and wide-spread havoc was every-where visible. Following up this track of desolation, he soon ascertained the cause of it in the shape of an immense stone that had been driven into the side of a mountain. But now comes the most remarkable part of the story. An examination of this stone, or so much of it as was visible, showed that it had been divided into compartments, and that, in various places, it was carved with curious hieroglyphics. More than this, Mr. Lumley also discovered fragments of a substance resembling glass, and here and there dark stains, as though caused by a liquid. He is confident that the hieroglyphics were the work of human hands, and that the stone itself, although but a fragment of an immense body, must have been used for some purpose by animated beings.

Strange as this story appears, Mr. Lumley relates it with so much sincerity that we are forced to accept it as true. It was evident that the stone which he discovered was a fragment of the meteor which was visible in this section in September last. It will be remembered that it was seen in Leavenworth, in Galena, and in this city by Colonel Bonneville. At Leavenworth, it was seen to separate in particles or explode.

Cadotte crash inaccuracies:

"Scott", on February 19, 2002, writes to me about the case:

Subject: Cadotte Pass crash inaccuracies.

Date: Mar, 19 Feb 2002

From: ()

Did a search on Cadotte Pass Crash in google.com. Sure, Rocky Mountain fur trappers told "tall tales" about mountains of glass and hair-raising escapes from wild animals and hostiles, but not of compartmented charred "stones" with hieroglyphics falling out of the sky. This article is up there on my believability scale, however:

Disheartening to note that the actual article has been so frequently interpreted by buffs as stating that this trapper saw the site in Missouri in 1865. On first scanning it, the following struck me right off:

What could have been left for a Rocky Mountain fur trapper to trap in Missouri by the end of the Civil War? (Most of the Rockies themselves were trapped out decades before that, never mind places as far east as Missouri.) Might as well trap the Charles River, in Boston.

"The upper Missouri" is a river is located in western Montana (with many once trapable tributaries such as [I later discovered] the Blackfoot River and Cadotte Creek). See mapquest.com (Cadotte MT) or at least check out <http://www.uppermissouri.com/>

But even assuming the vaguest knowledge of geography, how could Lumley get down to Saint Louis so fast if the sighting was in mid-September 1865 and the article was in mid-October, take a charter flight? Nope, pardner. Only way out of that area was by canoe, and they just didn't go that fast. Probably 1864 at the latest that the crash occurred. Reporter misinterpreted, or was doing the usual media bullshit, trying to tie the story into the local scene.

I'd hate to think that, because of this, people were crawling through the bushes in northern Missouri looking for a crashed ship, when the whole time it's been stuck in the side of a, probably, quite locatable mountain up near the Blackfoot

River in the Lincoln State Park in Montana. Probably the men in black buckskins have gotten to it by now, though... while excitable but undiscerning UFO buffs were missing the pirogue.

But... maybe it's still there. Stranger things have happened.

S:B

On 2/19/2002 I answered:

Scott:

Thank you a lot for the research. The result will be in my page.

Best regards
Patrick Gross

Not much research, just a careful reading of the article, a childhood interest in mountain men and American western history, and a google search on Cadotte Pass, and "Cadotte Pass crash."

I like your site, keep up the nice work.

--Scott

More Cadotte Pass information:
Chris [-] wrote on April 28, 2007:

In response to your page:

<http://ufology.patrickgross.org/htm/cadotte64.htm>

I live in Montana and have been on Cadotte Pass and Cadotte creek many, many times.

I would like to comment on the response from the gentleman "()"

> I What could have been left for a Rocky Mountain fur trapper to trap in
> Missouri by the end of the Civil War? (Most of the Rockies themselves were
> trapped out decades before that, never mind places as far east as
> Missouri.) Might as well trap the Charles River, in Boston.

I am not an expert on state history so I will quote from this web site:

<http://www.metnet.state.mt.us/teachmthistory>

"Fur trappers arrived in Montana hard on the heels of Lewis and Clark (1804-06). Although they tramped all of the state's watersheds, there were only about 150 of them in Montana at any given time. They explored, hunted, trapped, and traded on the Montana stage into the 1860s."

The area is still a rugged, remote part of the state. To think that trappers were there in that time period is quite likely.

> III But even assuming the vaguest knowledge of geography, how could Lumley
> get down to Saint Louis so fast if the sighting was in mid-September 1865
> and the article was in mid-October, take a charter flight?

Reread the article: "Mr. Lumley states that about the middle of last September..." That is one year later. Even if it had not been a year after the event this was about the time the gold rush hit Montana and steamboat travel to the center of the state (Ft Benton) started becoming regular and quick (for the time period.)

I think Mr Lumley's account can't be trashed based on the previous author's comments. Knowing the area (I grew up there!) I would also like to point out the high quantity of UFO and cattle mutilations in that general part of the state. There are many, many accounts. Great Falls, MT is only about 70 miles from Cadotte Pass. Many UFOs were reported in the Great Falls area even before Malmstrom AFB was built.

Cheers,
Chris

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Date: November 25, 1896

Time: 06:00 p.m.

Place: Near Lodi, California

Narratives:

THREE STRANGE VISITORS

Who Possibly Came From the Planet Mars

Seen on a Country Road by Colonel H.G. Shaw and a Companion

They Boarded the Airship

For more than a week the papers all over the coast have been reporting the presence of an alleged airship or flying machine, which many reputable people claim to have seen on several occasions in the heavens at night. Whether or not there really is such a contrivance navigating the air the Mail is unable to satisfactorily determine, but some of the papers have taken the matter seriously and others have been disposed to make light of the statements. A couple of San Francisco attorneys have secured a lot of free advertising by claiming to have clients who have invented and tested successful flying ships, and the newspapers have filled several columns talking about the aerial mystery.

The Mail makes the above statement merely by way of preface to a most remarkable story which is related by Colonel H.G. Shaw of this city, formerly of the Mail editorial staff. Colonel Shaw is at present engaged in collecting an exhibit for the Stockton Commercial Association to be displayed at the Citrus Fair which will be held in Fresno during the coming month. The gentleman was very reticent about relating the circumstance, as he said he had no idea that it would be believed by anyone, and he was loath to appear before the public as a romancer or as a man who had looked upon shoe-string when it was red. He tells the story as follows:

THREE STRANGE BEINGS

"Were it not for the fact that I was not alone when I witnessed the strange sight I would never have mentioned it at all. Wednesday afternoon I went out to Lodi and Lockeford in company with Camille Spooner, a young man recently arrived from Nevada. I went to the places mentioned in quest of material to form an exhibit to represent this county at the Fresno Citrus Fair. We left Lodi on the return trip, I should judge, shortly before 6 o'clock, and we were jogging along quietly when the horse stopped suddenly and gave a snort of terror."

"Looking up we beheld three strange beings. They resembled humans in many respects, but still they were not like anything I had ever seen. They were nearly or quite seven feet high and very slender. We were both somewhat startled, as you may readily imagine, and the first impulse was to drive on. The horse, however, refused to budge, and when we saw that we were being regarded more with an air of curiosity than anything else, we concluded to get out and

investigate. I walked up to where the strange looking persons were and addressed them. I asked where they were from. They seemed not to understand me, but began - well, "warbling" expresses it better than talking. Their remarks, if such you would call them, were addressed to each other, and sounded like a monotonous chant, inclined to be guttural. I saw it was no use to attempt a conversation, so I satisfied myself with watching and examining them. They seemed to take great interest in ourselves, the horse and buggy, and scrutinized everything very carefully."

WEIGHED LESS THAN AN OUNCE EACH

"While they were thus engaged I was enabled to inspect them as well. As I have already stated, they were seven feet in height and very slender. I noticed, further, that their hands were quite small and delicate, and that their fingers were without nails. Their feet, however, were nearly twice as long as those of an ordinary man, though they were narrow, and the toes were also long and slender. I noticed, too, that they were able to use their feet and toes much the same as a monkey; in fact, they appeared to have much better use of their feet than their hands. I presently discovered that this was probably a provision of nature. As one of them came close to me I reached out to touch him, and placing my hand under his elbow pressed gently upward, and lo and behold I lifted him from the ground with scarcely an effort. I should judge that the specific gravity of the creature was less than an ounce. It was then that I observed him try to grasp the earth with his toes to prevent my lifting him. You can readily understand that their slight weight made such a provision necessary, or they might be blown away."

"They were without any sort of clothing, but were covered with a natural growth hard to describe; it was not hair, neither was it like feathers, but it was as soft as silk to the touch, and their skin was like velvet. Their faces and heads were without hair, the ears were very small, and the nose had the appearance of polished ivory, while the eyes were large and lustrous. The mouth, however, was small, and it seemed to me that they were without teeth. That and other things led me to believe that they neither ate nor drank, and that life was sustained by some sort of gas. Each of them had swung under the left arm a bag to which was attached a nozzle, and every little while one or the other would place the nozzle on his mouth, at which time I heard a sound of escaping gas. It was much the same sound as is produced by a person blowing up a football."

OF INDESCRIBABLE BEAUTY

"From the description I give I do not want you to get the idea that these creatures were hideous. In appearance they were markedly the contrary. They were possessed of a strange and indescribable beauty. I can express myself in no other way. They were graceful to a degree, and more divinely beautiful than anything I ever beheld."

"The strangest part of the story is yet to come. It is the lights they carried. Each held to his hand something about the size of a hen's egg. Upon holding them up and partly opening the hand, these substances emitted the most remarkable, intense and penetrating light one can imagine. Notwithstanding its intensity it had no unpleasant effect upon our eyes, and we found we could gaze directly at it. It seemed to me to be some sort of luminous mineral, though they had complete control of it."

"Finally they became tired of examining us and our horse and buggy, and then one of them, at a signal from one who appeared to be the leader, attempted to lift me, probably with the intention of carrying me away. Although I made not the slightest resistance he could not move me, and finally the three of them tried it without the slightest success. They appeared to have no muscular power outside of being able to move their own limbs."

STRANGE AIRSHIP

"Well, after trying in vain to move either of us they turned in the direction of the Woodbridge canal, near which we were, and as they flashed their lights towards the bridge we beheld a startling sight. There, resting in the air about

twenty feet above the water, was an immense airship. It was 150 feet in length at least, though probably not over twenty feet in diameter at the widest part. It was pointed at both ends, and outside of a large rudder there was no visible machinery. The three walked rapidly toward the ship, not as you or I walk, but with a swaying motion, their feet only touching the ground at intervals of about fifteen feet. We followed them as rapidly as possible, and reached the bridge as they were about to embark. With a little spring they rose to the machine, opened a door in the side, and disappeared within. I do not know of what the affair was built, but just before it started I struck it with a rock and it gave no sound. It went through the air very rapidly and expanded and contracted with a muscular motion, and was soon out of sight."

"I have a theory, which, of course, is only a theory, that those we beheld were inhabitants of Mars, who have been sent to the earth for the purpose of securing one of its inhabitants. I feel safe in asserting that the stories being told by certain San Francisco attorneys are clumsy fakes, and should not be given credence by anyone."

DASHES HERE AND THERE

Some practical jokers sent up a number of hot air balloons last night, as a take-off on the alleged airship. Several people saw the balloons and enjoyed a laugh. [sem1]

Jerome Clark indicates that the Stockton Evening Mail of Stockton, for November 27, 1896, told what could be the first case of abduction. The newspaper says that a certain Shaw ("formerly part of the leading personnel of our newspaper") is currently busy organizing an exhibit for Stockton which will be held in the Fresno fair during the month to come." Clark suspects that perhaps he sought the publicity.

Shaw claimed that he and a companion left Lodi around six o'clock on the 25th of November, 1896, and walked leisurely when the horse stopped suddenly with a snarl of terror. "Looking up we beheld three strange beings... They were nearly or quite seven feet high and very slender. The beings, which seemed more or less human, appeared friendly and strangely beautiful. Shaw asked where they came. They seemed to not understand, but started to "chirp". Shaw observed closely, noting their small, sensitive hands, without nails and their long feet. When he touched one of them under the shoulder, he discovered that the being was "weighed less than one ounce". Shaw continued:

"They were without any sort of clothing, but were covered with a natural growth hard to describe; it was not hair, neither was it like feathers, but it was as soft as silk to the touch, and their skin was like velvet. Their faces and heads were without hair, the ears were very small, and the nose had the appearance of polished ivory, while the eyes were large and lustrous. The mouth, however, was small, and it seemed to me that they were without teeth. That and other things led me to believe that they neither ate nor drank, and that life was sustained by some sort of gas. Each of them had swung under the left arm a bag to which was attached a nozzle, and every little while one or the other would place the nozzle on his mouth, at which time I heard a sound of escaping gas. It was much the same sound as is produced by a person blowing up a football."

Each of the beings transported a light of the size of an egg which, once opened, revealed "an intense but non unpleasant light." They then attempted, according to Shaw, "to lift me, probably with the intent to take me away," but they did not have the force to move him or his companion. Giving up this attempt, they turned and directed their lights to a nearby bridge. The two men saw an airship of 150 feet hovering nearby. Shaw told: "the three went quickly towards the ship... with a swinging movement, their feet touching only the ground at intervals of approximately 15 feet; with a small jump which made them rise towards the machine, they opened a door in the side, and disappeared inside."

The vessel then flew quickly out of the sight. Shaw finishes his report on the

theory that "these were inhabitants of Mars, who were sent towards the Earth in order to seize him or one of its inhabitants." Clark notes that Shaw boldly protests against "the stories told by certain attorneys of San Francisco." These are "clumsy hoaxes" to which "nobody should give credence." [jck1]

"Perhaps even more intriguing is this early report of a "close encounter of the third kind": Two men told the Stockton Evening Mail that they had met three "strange people" on a road near Lodi, California. According to the story, the strange beings were very tall, with small delicate hands, and large, narrow feet. Each creature's head was bald with small ears and a small mouth, yet the eyes were big and lustrous. Instead of clothing, the creatures seemed to be covered with a natural silky growth. Conversation was impossible because the "strange people" could only utter a monotonous, guttural, warbling. Occasionally, one of the unusual beings would breathe deeply from a nozzle attached to a bag slung under an arm and in each hand the creatures carried something the size of an egg that gave off an intense light. The weird encounter ended with an attempted kidnap of the two Californians, but failing to overpower the two men, the creatures fled to a cigar-shaped craft hovering nearby, jumped through a hatch, and zoomed away." [lgs1]

In Patrick Huyghe's magazine The Anomalist, Jerome Clark mentions that the first recorded contact with aliens was on November 25, 1896. It "involved a couple of people who were putting together an exhibition for a fair in Fresno, California and they were traveling by horse and carriage towards Stockton, California. It was late afternoon, all of a sudden the horse became terrorized and just froze in its tracks, and the two men looked up and they saw these three tall and very thin figures with small delicate hands. They had no hair, just a soft downy fur on their skin. They had very large eyes and both their mouths and ears were very small. The witnesses described these creatures as something with strange beauty. Curiously they each held a bag with a nozzle which they would put up to their mouths to breathe. They also carried an egg shaped light and they seemed to communicate with one another in kind of a monotonous chant. The witnesses claimed that these three creatures tried to take them away, but apparently these two humans were too heavy to be carried away by these very lightweight creatures. At one point the creatures turned their lights towards a nearby bridge, [and] when they did so they illuminated a cigar shaped craft hovering above the water. The craft was swaying back and forth, almost drifting off the ground, and the beings returned to this craft. They sprung into the air and floated down to a door on the side of the craft, and the craft just slipped away. The people who saw this thought that the beings had come from Mars. This was one of the first cases where you have strange beings, and strange craft, and people interpreting it as an ET basically." [jck2]

It was in connection with this 1896-1897 wave that the first published story of an abduction by extraterrestrials appeared in the Stockton, California, 'Evening Mail' on November 27, 1896. Two days earlier, Col. H.G. Shaw, a former editor of the newspaper, claimed that he and a friend, Camille Spooner, had encountered three tall, thin beings, 7 feet tall and nude, with small delicate hands and hairless except for a soft downy fur on the skin, as they were traveling near Lodi, California. The creatures had large eyes, but small mouths and ears. They carried bags with nozzles which they held to their mouths as if to breathe, and bright egg-shaped lamps. Shaw tried to converse with them, but the creatures did not understand him and only responded with a warbling, monotonous chant. The aliens tried to grab the two witnesses and drag them toward a nearby cigar-shaped airship, but because each weighed less than an ounce, they lacked the strength and finally retreated. Shaw believed that the creatures had come from Mars. (On 1896 Lodi incident: Patrick Huyghe, 'The Field Guide to Extraterrestrials' [New York: Avon Books, 1996], p. 66, citing Jenny Randles, 'Alien Contacts and Abductions' [New York: Sterling, 1994]; Jerome Clark, "From Mermaids to Little Gray Men: The Prehistory of the UFO Abduction Phenomenon, 'The Anomalist', No. 8, Spring 2000, p. 18) [tcn1]

"Not surprisingly, the airship generated a great deal of advertising material. The promoters of the Fresno citrus fair wanted the inventor to exhibit his craft there. A Sacramento brewer was convinced that the "delegation from beyond the clouds ... came down to sample Ruhstaller's Gilt Edge Steam Beer." And a San Francisco merchant took out one-third of a page to portray Santa Claus as the airship's pilot bringing toys to his department store." [rgi1]

Sources:

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Notes:

Nil.

Explanation:

Only two rational explanation seem possible: either an invented story, or extraterrestrial beings and their apparatus.

Counts:

Type of report: Newspaper report.

Number of witnesses: 2.

Number of named witnesses: 2.

Witnesses occupations: Not indicated.

Type of location: Country road.

Coordinates: Lat. 38.130 N, Long. -121.271 W.

Coordinates precision: 20 kilometers.

Description of "UFO": Cigar shaped, pointed at both ends, with a rudder, 150 feet long, 20 feet of diameter at the largest point, a door, no sound when hit by a stone.

Description of "manoeuvres": Hovering 20 feet above the ground, then flies away fast.

Reactions: Amazement, interest, experiments.

Occupants: Yes, non humans.

Occupants keywords: Aliens, light, large eyes, lightweight, hands, feet, breathing, gas, description.

Communication: Yes, attempted.

Language: Chirpy, monotonous, chant.

Content: Not understood.

Daylight/nocturnal: Daylight.

Weather: Not indicated.

Observation devices: None.

Strangeness: High.

Reliability: Medium.

Explanation(s) at the time: Extraterrestrial beings and craft, from Mars.

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People seem to be under the conception that these "tic tacs" might be some new military technology. Perhaps.

However that type of "craft", is by no means new. It is in fact one of the most commonly reported types of UFO since reports have been taken.

Known as "Cigars", "Cylinders", "Ghost Rockets" and other names; it's pretty clear to me anyway that the "tic tac" is not at all some new phenomenon. It's just a new name for an old thing.

I've spent the last hour pulling (only a few) of the reports of "cigars" from 3 specific books by some of the most credible authors.

UFOs and Nukes Extraordinary Encounters at Nuclear Weapons Sites by Robert Hastings

The Flying Saucers Are Real by Donald Keyhoe

The UFO evidence. Volume II, A 30-year report by Richard Hall

UFOs and Nukes Extraordinary Encounters at Nuclear Weapons Sites by Robert Hastings:

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In short, during the late-1940s and early-1950s, someone seemed to be intent on conducting repeated, unauthorized over-flights of the U.S. government's top secret atomic weapons sites. Reliable eye-witnesses accounts indicated that the aerial craft involved in these incursions were revolutionary in design—usually disc-shaped, but sometimes reported as spherical, cigar-shaped, or diamond-shaped—and vastly superior in performance to any known jet aircraft or rocket.

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February 17, 1949. A fireball and a UFO were observed on the same day. Kirtland AFB OSI Special Agent Captain Melvin E. Neef reported that a fireball, orangered in color with a "gas flame" blue tail, was visible for 5-7 seconds at Sandia Base at 5:52 a.m. That evening, a bright "yellow-orange cigar-shaped light" was observed by approximately 100 people, including Sandia's military security

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Foss continued, "To the best of my recollection, the Las Vegas newspapers printed numerous reports of UFO sightings during the Operation Teapot tests. One evening between shots, I drove into Las Vegas for groceries and, on my return to Indian Springs AFB, I observed what I thought was a UFO. It was not the traditional disc-shaped UFO but a cigar-shaped object which was emitting different colors, such as red and orange, as it traveled in the night sky. The UFO was closer to the base than to Las Vegas. There was no reflective glow in the sky from the city, so it was dark and the object stood out clearly as it headed towards the test range. This object was initially moving in a straight line but then made a few erratic moves that no Air Force plane at the time could possibly perform. Then it was gone."

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Harris states that five or six of these gun-camera clips were presented, spliced together one after the other, for the next 20 to 30 minutes. Some of the intercept attempts were filmed in color, with the remainder in black-and-white. "Several [UFO] shapes could be seen," he said, "one was saucer-shaped with a dome on top; another one was cigar-shaped with port holes; and some looked like a cloud, maybe because they were embedded in a plasma field. Some of the film segments were very jerky due to the pursuing aircraft attempting to stay with the UFO." Throughout, there was no narration or soundtrack of any kind. Harris told me that one "could have heard a pin drop" in the theater, as the squadron's members watched in stunned silence.

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There are, in fact, a relative handful of UFO sighting cases which suggest a two-tier specialization of function. Although rare, these well-documented sightings involved enormous, cigar-shaped objects, frequently referred to as "motherships", releasing and retrieving much smaller disc-shaped craft. One such sighting was reported on August 23, 1954, near Vernon, France. Among the witnesses were two local policemen and an army engineer, who described seeing in the sky a huge, silent, perfectly stationary cigar-shaped object standing on end. A fourth witness, businessman M. Bernard Miserey, stated, "I had been watching this amazing spectacle for a couple of minutes when suddenly from the bottom of the cigar came an object like a horizontal disk, which dropped at first in free fall, then slowed, and suddenly swayed and dived horizontally across the river toward me, becoming very luminous. For a very short time I could see the disk full-face."

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Another such case has been reported by researcher Raymond Fowler, involving residents of Ipswich, Massachusetts, who reported witnessing a nearly identical display just offshore on September 17, 1966. However, in that sighting, several discs emerged from the top of the cigar-shaped object, as it hung motionless over the ocean. A third report of this type occurred on September 8, 1958, near Offutt AFB, Nebraska—Strategic Air Command Headquarters—and was observed by at least 25 Air Force personnel, including Major Paul A. Duich, who wrote, "...as we watched, there appeared at the lower end of the [pencil or slender cigar-shaped] object a swarm of black specks cavorting every which way, much like a swarm of gnats. This procedure continued for a minute or so before [the specks] disappeared. Then the object, which had hung motionless on the same spot, slowly changed attitude from an upright position to a 45-degree angle with the horizontal and started moving slowly toward the west..." | Regarding the last sighting, given the other reports of this kind of UFO activity, it can reasonably be argued that, had the cigar-shaped object been closer to the observers, the specks would have appeared disc-shaped. Of course, this cannot be said with certainty.

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Austad then said that while the UFO he had tracked at SAGE was certainly startling, he had once been involved in another, truly astonishing incident. "I don't remember the exact year that this occurred," he said, "but one time, when I worked at the [FAA Air Traffic Control] Center in Salt Lake, we got a phone call from a radio station in Burley, Idaho.

People had been calling them to report a huge cigar-shaped vehicle in the sky, about 60 to 70 miles north of Burley. So I called Hill AFB to tell them about it, and they scrambled an F-80. A little while later, the pilot radioed the base and said, 'Well, this thing is up there, big as life, and 21 disc-shaped craft just came out of it!' About ten minutes later, he came back on and said, 'I'm at [my operational ceiling], but this thing is still far above me—at around 80,000 feet.' That was probably the most spectacular incident that I remember."

Perhaps significantly, if the huge cigar-shaped UFO was located some 70 miles north of Burley when it released the discs, it would have been less than 30 miles west of the National Reactor Testing Station. Established in 1949, under the auspices of the Atomic Energy Commission, the NRTS was for many years the site of the largest concentration of nuclear reactors in the world. Over time, 52 were built and operated there, including the U.S. Navy's first prototype submarine reactor.

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When I sent Burris' sighting report to Col. Halt, more unexpected information emerged. He responded, "I know of another sighting at Woodbridge on Guy Fawkes Night (November 5th) in 1981. Two independent [security] police patrols saw a large cigar-shaped object float in from the sea and silently loop around the Woodbridge tower. Neither reported it and I only found out by chance as they were leaving for a new assignment."

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The sighting was investigated by Dr. S.P. Kuzionov, of Leningrad's Geographical Society, and involved five witnesses, including missile technician Shamil Yuaihmetov, who reported seeing a metallic-appearing, cigar-shaped object slowly descending at a 45-degree angle. As it did so, it emitted a hissing sound. The sighting occurred at 11:45 p.m. but the exact date in October 1984 was not mentioned in Kuzionov's report.

The Flying Saucers are Real - Donald Keyhoe:

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Turning back to the old reports, I skipped through until I found the American sightings. One of the first was an incident at Bonham, Texas, in the summer of 1873.

It was broad daylight when a strange, fast-moving object appeared in the sky, southwest of the town. For a moment, the people of Bonham stared at the thing, not believing their eyes. The only flying device then known was the drifting balloon. But this thing was tremendous, and speeding so fast its outlines were almost a blur. Terrified farmers dived under their wagons. Towns-people fled indoors. Only a few hardy souls remained in the streets.

The mysterious object circled Bonham twice, then raced off to the east and vanished. Descriptions of the strange machine varied from round or oval to cigar-shaped. (The details of the Bonham sighting were later confirmed for me by Frank Edwards, Mutual network newscaster, who investigated this case.)

Twenty-four hours after the Bonham incident, a device of the same description appeared at Fort Scott, Kansas. Panic-stricken soldiers fled the parade ground as the thing flashed overhead. In a few seconds it disappeared, circling toward the north.

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On July 2, 1907, a mysterious explosion occurred in the heavens near Burlington, Vermont. Some witnesses described a strange, torpedo-shaped device circling above. Shortly after it was seen, a round, luminous object flashed down from the sky, then exploded (Weather Review, 1907, page 310). Another cigar-shaped craft was reported at a low altitude over Bridgewater, Massachusetts, in 1908. Like the one at Sisterville, it carried searchlights, which swept back and forth across the countryside. After a few moments, the visitor rose in a steep climb, and the searchlights blinked out.

There was no report for 1909 in America, though an odd aerial object was sighted near the Galapagos Islands. But in 1910, one January morning, a large silvery cigar-shaped device startled Chattanooga. After about five minutes, the thing sped away, appearing over Huntsville, Alabama, shortly afterward. It made a second appearance over Chattanooga the next day, then headed east and was never seen again.

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It was a bright, moonlit night, with scattered clouds overhead. The DC-3 was twenty miles west of Montgomery, at 2:45 AM., when a brilliant projectile-like craft came hurtling along the airway. Chiles saw it first and took it to be a jet plane. But the next instant both pilots saw that this was no jet fighter. "It was heading southwest," Chiles said later, "exactly opposite to our course. Whatever it was, it flashed down toward us at terrific speed. We veered to the left. It veered sharply. too, and passed us about seven hundred feet to the right. I saw then that it had no wings." The mystery ship passed on Whitted's side, and he a fairly close look. "The thing was about one hundred feet long, cigar shaped and wingless," he described it. "It was about twice the diameter of a B-29, with no protruding fins."

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In addition, the services of rocket experts, guided-missile authorities, space-travel planners, and others (in the defense services or assigned to them) were made available as desired. Under the heading "How Incidents Are Investigated," the Project "Saucer" report says:

But the hoaxes and crank letters in reality play a small part in Project "Saucer."

Actually, it is a serious, scientific business of constant investigation, analysis and evaluation which thus far has yielded evidence pointing to the conclusion that much of the saucer scare is no scare at all, but can be attributed to astronomical phenomena, to conventional aerial objects, to hallucinations and to mass psychology. But the mere existence of some yet unidentified flying objects necessitates a constant vigilance on the part of Project "Saucer" personnel and the civilian population.

Investigation is greatly stepped up when observers report incidents as soon as possible to the nearest military installation or to Headquarters, A.M.C., direct.

A standard questionnaire is filled out under the guidance of interrogators. In each case, time, location, size and shape of object, approximate altitude, speed, maneuvers, color, length of time in sight, sound, etc., are carefully noted. This information is sent in its entirety, together with any fragments, soil photographs, drawings, etc., to Headquarters, A.M.C.

Here, highly trained evaluation teams take over. The information is broken down and filed on summary sheets, plotted on maps and graphs and integrated with the rest of the material, giving an easily comprehended over-all picture.

Duplicate copies on each incident are sent to other investigating agencies, including technical labs within the Air Materiel Command. These are studied in relation to many factors such as guided missile research activity, weather, and many others, atmospheric sounding balloon launchings, commercial and military aircraft flights, flights of migratory birds and a myriad of other considerations which might furnish explanations.

Generally, the flying objects are divided into four groups:

Flying disks, torpedo or cigar-shaped bodies with no wings or fins visible in flight, spherical or balloon-shaped objects and balls of light. The first three groups are capable of flight by aerodynamic or aerostatic means and can be propelled and controlled by methods known to aeronautical engineers. As for the lights, their actions--unless they were suspended from a higher object or were the product of hallucination--remain unexplained.

The UFO evidence Volume II, A 30-year report by Hall, Richard
You're going to have to read this one unfortunately. I'll cite cases but I'm not copying all of the text, and I've only pulled a couple anyways. I think this should more or less make my point by now.

September 23, 1967: Amherst, MA. Geology professor watched flight of two silvery cigar-shaped objects (section IV).

March 17, 1974: Taiwan. TWA airliner crew observed shiny oval or cigar-shaped object, five smaller spherical-appearing satellite objects (section X).

July 23, 1978: Lake Michigan. Several Coast Guard stations observed cigar-shaped object with same pattern of body lights, moving at very high rate of speed (section II).

August 29, 1979: Ernestowo, Poland. Silvery cigar with orange light and square windows approached, hovered, finally sped away over horizon (section IX).

January 25, 1981: Chatsworth, CA. Hovering cigar- or spindle-shaped object, disc with dome, darting motions, numerous photographs taken (section VII).

January-March, 1987: Belleville, WI. Flurry of sightings including cigar-shaped objects, a radar tracking, and other features (section VIII).

May 25, 1995: Bovina, TX. America West airline crew observed cigar shaped object with pulsating lights (section I).

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u/PriorQuestion4 avatar

PriorQuestion4

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5y ago

The fact that these sightings have been reported since like the 40s, and we now have video proof of these things makes you really believe the old reports are true too. And if they are, there is no way in hell that technology came from mankind. Thinking it came from us in the modern day is a stretch but back in the 40s? You know damn well that's not made by man.

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3y ago

Where's the video proof

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There seems to be a few "types" of craft out there:

Cigars

Eggs/Tic Tacs

"String of pearls"

Spherical

Triangular shaped

Metallic Blimp

Am I missing any others?

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Fortheloveoflife

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5y ago

Boomerangs. I saw two of them in Iceland in 2010. I would also make a distinction between triangular craft and pyramid shaped craft (there are two distinctly different shapes, the triangular ones are isoceles shaped and flat, the pyramids are equilateral and have height). I have also seen one that looked like an upside down eagle's claw in about 1994. It had one talon on the 'front' and two on the 'back'.

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footlong24seven

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5y ago

Cool! Thanks for sharing! The only one I've ever seen was a spherical one that was suspended high the air and didn't move for a while. I was at a Mets game high up in the nosebleed section of Shea Stadium.

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u/Secret-Run4610 avatar

Secret-Run4610

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Blocky, structure-like UFOs like the one that cruised low across central illinois about 20 years ago. It was follow by police officers over several counties near Scott AFB.

Massive triangles/rare high profile objects, like the first pheonix light event.

House sized, toy top shaped is the one Barney and Betty hill talked about if im not mistaken.

Luminous/plasma surrounded ball objects. Foo fighters.

Rendlebum (sp?) forest event has a rather unique and vivid UFO description of a glowing bright red sport model with hieroglyphics.

"Dripping" UFOs that eject something weird like liquid metal that evaporates

somehow.

Barbell shaped objects.

"Bus" or van shaped and sized craft.

There is also some more dismissed evidence of very small UFOs that may or may not be something to it. Something like that might easily be dismissed as an insect or bird, but be something else.

Also, hilariously you didn't list the infamous saucers.

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Elfalien

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egg shaped too, is one that comes up that i consider same type as tictac. Interesting the blue flame that's often reported. Like Lonnie Zamorra's.

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What happened to all the Saucers????

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Obviously, the aliens felt the saucer design was passé, too 'retro' and needed a makeover for the 21st century. :p

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Different race.

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Thats the one they're talking about thats 50ft from the cockpit.

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u/NoHuckleberry3743 avatar

NoHuckleberry3743

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Tic tacs make your breath better. Cigars do not.

How can all you people go along with this??

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u/EpilepticSpastic avatar

EpilepticSpastic

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Go along with what?

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u/NoHuckleberry3743 avatar

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Go along with tic tacs and cigars being equivalent

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u/guhbuhjuh avatar

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lol.

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u/croninsiglos avatar

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I don't know, cigars and tic tacs are very different.

The tic tac characteristic, shape, and color don't match the other reports you posted.

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o0flatCircle0o

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5y ago

One thing I desperately wish people would ask Lou...when he says UFOs are real and the government admits it now, and Obama recently said the same... are they referring to UFOs being real since WW2? Or just real recently? That would make the difference between ok it might be drones and ok it's freakin aliens.

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u/EpilepticSpastic avatar

EpilepticSpastic

OP

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5y ago

Important to note that across all of these reports there are bits which basically describe every bit of the Nimitz incident. The object tilting, coming out of the sea, erratic movement, floating, hypersonic velocity, hanging out at 80,000 feet, ect.

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u/ectbot avatar

ectbot

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5y ago

Hello! You have made the mistake of writing "ect" instead of "etc."

"Ect" is a common misspelling of "etc," an abbreviated form of the Latin phrase "et cetera." Other abbreviated forms are etc., &c., &c, and et cet. The Latin translates as "et" to "and" + "cetera" to "the rest;" a literal translation to "and the rest" is the easiest way to remember how to use the phrase.

Check out the wikipedia entry if you want to learn more.

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whiteravenxi

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Interesting it was New Mexico 🤔

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u/wolfdabs_ avatar
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I feel like this painting depicts all known craft types.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1561_celestial_phenomenon_over_Nuremberg

We should modernize the rendition.

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u/tigertron1990 avatar
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My grandfather saw a cigar shaped one in 1969, in Weston-super-Mare, England. He used to design helicopters for a living and when he saw it, he was completely freaked out and never spoke of it again for fear of being thought of as a crazy person.

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However that type of "craft", is by no means new. It is in fact one of the most commonly reported types of UFO since reports have been taken.

Known as "Cigars", "Cylinders", "Ghost Rockets" and other names; it's pretty clear to me anyway that the "tic tac" is not at all some new phenomenon. It's just a new name for an old thing.

I've spent the last hour pulling (only a few) of the reports of "cigars" from 3 specific books by some of the most credible authors.

UFOs and Nukes Extraordinary Encounters at Nuclear Weapons Sites by Robert Hastings

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Foss continued, "To the best of my recollection, the Las Vegas newspapers printed numerous reports of UFO sightings during the Operation Teapot tests. One evening between shots, I drove into Las Vegas for groceries and, on my return to Indian Springs AFB, I observed what I thought was a UFO. It was not the traditional disc-shaped UFO but a cigar-shaped object which was emitting different colors, such as red and orange, as it traveled in the night sky. The UFO was closer to the base than to Las Vegas. There was no reflective glow in the sky from the city, so it was dark and the object stood out clearly as it headed towards the test range. This object was initially moving in a straight line but then made a few erratic moves that no Air Force plane at the time could possibly perform. Then it was gone."

Page 118;

Harris states that five or six of these gun-camera clips were presented, spliced together one after the other, for the next 20 to 30 minutes. Some of the intercept attempts were filmed in color, with the remainder in black-and-white. "Several [UFO] shapes could be seen," he said, "one was saucer-shaped with a dome on top; another one was cigar-shaped with port holes; and some looked like a cloud, maybe because they were embedded in a plasma field. Some of the film segments were very jerky due to the pursuing aircraft attempting to stay with the UFO." Throughout, there was no narration or soundtrack of any kind. Harris told me that one "could have heard a pin drop" in the theater, as the squadron's members watched in stunned silence.

Page 154;

There are, in fact, a relative handful of UFO sighting cases which suggest a two-tier specialization of function. Although rare, these well-documented sightings involved enormous, cigar-shaped objects, frequently referred to as "motherships", releasing and retrieving much smaller disc-shaped craft. One such sighting was reported on August 23, 1954, near Vernon, France. Among the witnesses were two local policemen and an army engineer, who described seeing in the sky a huge, silent, perfectly stationary cigar-shaped object standing on end. A fourth witness, businessman M. Bernard Miserey, stated, "I had been watching this amazing spectacle for a couple of minutes when suddenly from the bottom of the cigar came an object like a horizontal disk, which dropped at first in free fall, then slowed, and suddenly swayed and dived horizontally across the river toward me, becoming very luminous. For a very short time I could see the disk full-face."

Page 155;

Another such case has been reported by researcher Raymond Fowler, involving residents of Ipswich, Massachusetts, who reported witnessing a nearly identical display just offshore on September 17, 1966. However, in that sighting, several discs emerged from the top of the cigar-shaped object, as it hung motionless over the ocean. A third report of this type occurred on September 8, 1958, near Offutt AFB, Nebraska—Strategic Air Command Headquarters—and was observed by at least 25 Air Force personnel, including Major Paul A. Duich, who wrote, "...as we watched, there appeared at the lower end of the [pencil or slender cigar-shaped] object a swarm of black specks cavorting every which way, much like a swarm of gnats. This procedure continued for a minute or so before [the specks] disappeared. Then the object, which had hung motionless on the same spot, slowly

changed attitude from an upright position to a 45-degree angle with the horizontal and started moving slowly toward the west..." | Regarding the last sighting, given the other reports of this kind of UFO activity, it can reasonably be argued that, had the cigar-shaped object been closer to the observers, the specks would have appeared disc-shaped. Of course, this cannot be said with certainty.

Page 268;

Austad then said that while the UFO he had tracked at SAGE was certainly startling, he had once been involved in another, truly astonishing incident. "I don't remember the exact year that this occurred," he said, "but one time, when I worked at the [FAA Air Traffic Control] Center in Salt Lake, we got a phone call from a radio station in Burley, Idaho. People had been calling them to report a huge cigar-shaped vehicle in the sky, about 60 to 70 miles north of Burley. So I called Hill AFB to tell them about it, and they scrambled an F-80. A little while later, the pilot radioed the base and said, 'Well, this thing is up there, big as life, and 21 disc-shaped craft just came out of it!' About ten minutes later, he came back on and said, 'I'm at [my operational ceiling], but this thing is still far above me—at around 80,000 feet.' That was probably the most spectacular incident that I remember." Perhaps significantly, if the huge cigar-shaped UFO was located some 70 miles north of Burley when it released the discs, it would have been less than 30 miles west of the National Reactor Testing Station. Established in 1949, under the auspices of the Atomic Energy Commission, the NRTS was for many years the site of the largest concentration of nuclear reactors in the world. Over time, 52 were built and operated there, including the U.S. Navy's first prototype submarine reactor.

Page 416;

When I sent Burris' sighting report to Col. Halt, more unexpected information emerged. He responded, "I know of another sighting at Woodbridge on Guy Fawkes Night (November 5th) in 1981. Two independent [security] police patrols saw a large cigar-shaped object float in from the sea and silently loop around the Woodbridge tower. Neither reported it and I only found out by chance as they were leaving for a new assignment."

Page 435;

The sighting was investigated by Dr. S.P. Kuzionov, of Leningrad's Geographical Society, and involved five witnesses, including missile technician Shamil Yuaihmetov, who reported seeing a metallic-appearing, cigar-shaped object slowly descending at a 45-degree angle. As it did so, it emitted a hissing sound. The sighting occurred at 11:45 p.m. but the exact date in October 1984 was not mentioned in Kuzionov's report.

The Flying Saucers are Real - Donald Keyhoe:

Page 54;

Turning back to the old reports, I skipped through until I found the American sightings. One of the first was an incident at Bonham, Texas, in the summer of 1873.

It was broad daylight when a strange, fast-moving object appeared in the sky, southwest of the town. For a moment, the people of Bonham stared at the thing, not believing their eyes. The only flying device then known was the drifting balloon. But this thing was tremendous, and speeding so fast its outlines were almost a blur. Terrified farmers dived under their wagons. Towns-people fled indoors. Only a few hardy souls remained in the streets.

The mysterious object circled Bonham twice, then raced off to the east and vanished. Descriptions of the strange machine varied from round or oval to cigar-shaped. (The details of the Bonham sighting were later confirmed for me by Frank Edwards, Mutual network newscaster, who investigated this case.)

Twenty-four hours after the Bonham incident, a device of the same description appeared at Fort Scott, Kansas. Panic-stricken soldiers fled the parade ground as the thing flashed overhead. In a few seconds it disappeared, circling toward the north.

Page 68;

On July 2, 1907, a mysterious explosion occurred in the heavens near Burlington, Vermont. Some witnesses described a strange, torpedo-shaped device circling above. Shortly after it was seen, a round, luminous object flashed down from the sky, then exploded (Weather Review, 1907, page 310). Another cigar-shaped craft was reported at a low altitude over Bridgewater, Massachusetts, in 1908. Like the one at Sisterville, it carried searchlights, which swept back and forth across the countryside. After a few moments, the visitor rose in a steep climb, and the searchlights blinked out.

There was no report for 1909 in America, though an odd aerial object was sighted near the Galapagos Islands. But in 1910, one January morning, a large silvery cigar-shaped device startled Chattanooga. After about five minutes, the thing sped away, appearing over Huntsville, Alabama, shortly afterward. It made a second appearance over Chattanooga the next day, then headed east and was never seen again.

Page 76;

It was a bright, moonlit night, with scattered clouds overhead.

The DC-3 was twenty miles west of Montgomery, at 2:45 AM., when a brilliant projectile-like craft came hurtling along the airway. Chiles saw it first and took it to be a jet plane. But the next instant both pilots saw that this was no jet fighter. "It was heading southwest," Chiles said later, "exactly opposite to our course. Whatever it was, it flashed down toward us at terrific speed. We veered to the left. It veered sharply. too, and passed us about seven hundred feet to the right. I saw then that it had no wings." The mystery ship passed on Whitted's side, and he a fairly close look. "The thing was about one hundred feet long, cigar shaped and wingless," he described it. "It was about twice the diameter of a B-29, with no protruding fins."

Page 96;

In addition, the services of rocket experts, guided-missile authorities, space-travel planners, and others (in the defense services or assigned to them) were made available as desired. Under the heading "How Incidents Are Investigated," the Project "Saucer" report says:

But the hoaxes and crank letters in reality play a small part in Project "Saucer."

Actually, it is a serious, scientific business of constant investigation, analysis and evaluation which thus far has yielded evidence pointing to the conclusion that much of the saucer scare is no scare at all, but can be attributed to astronomical phenomena, to conventional aerial objects, to hallucinations and to mass psychology. But the mere existence of some yet unidentified flying objects necessitates a constant vigilance on the part of Project "Saucer" personnel and the civilian population.

Investigation is greatly stepped up when observers report incidents as soon as possible to the nearest military installation or to Headquarters, A.M.C., direct.

A standard questionnaire is filled out under the guidance of interrogators. In each case, time, location, size and shape of object, approximate altitude, speed, maneuvers, color, length of time in sight, sound, etc., are carefully noted. This information is sent in its entirety, together with any fragments, soil photographs, drawings, etc., to Headquarters, A.M.C.

Here, highly trained evaluation teams take over. The information is broken down and filed on summary sheets, plotted on maps and graphs and integrated with the rest of the material, giving an easily comprehended over-all picture.

Duplicate copies on each incident are sent to other investigating agencies,

including technical labs within the Air Materiel Command. These are studied in relation to many factors such as guided missile research activity, weather, and many others, atmospheric sounding balloon launchings, commercial and military aircraft flights, flights of migratory birds and a myriad of other considerations which might furnish explanations.

Generally, the flying objects are divided into four groups:

Flying disks, torpedo or cigar-shaped bodies with no wings or fins visible in flight, spherical or balloon-shaped objects and balls of light. The first three groups are capable of flight by aerodynamic or aerostatic means and can be propelled and controlled by methods known to aeronautical engineers. As for the lights, their actions--unless they were suspended from a higher object or were the product of hallucination--remain unexplained.

The UFO evidence Volume II, A 30-year report by Hall, Richard

You're going to have to read this one unfortunately. I'll cite cases but I'm not copying all of the text, and I've only pulled a couple anyways. I think this should more or less make my point by now.

September 23, 1967: Amherst, MA. Geology professor watched flight of two silvery cigar-shaped objects (section IV).

March 17, 1974: Taiwan. TWA airliner crew observed shiny oval or cigar-shaped object, five smaller spherical-appearing satellite objects (section X).

July 23, 1978: Lake Michigan. Several Coast Guard stations observed cigar-shaped object with same pattern of body lights, moving at very high rate of speed (section II).

August 29, 1979: Ernestowo, Poland. Silvery cigar with orange light and square windows approached, hovered, finally sped away over horizon (section IX).

January 25, 1981: Chatsworth, CA. Hovering cigar- or spindle-shaped object, disc with dome, darting motions, numerous photographs taken (section VII).

January-March, 1987: Belleville, WI. Flurry of sightings including cigar-shaped objects, a radar tracking, and other features (section VIII).

May 25, 1995: Bovina, TX. America West airline crew observed cigar shaped object with pulsating lights (section I).

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Comments Section

u/PriorQuestion4 avatar

PriorQuestion4

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5y ago

The fact that these sightings have been reported since like the 40s, and we now have video proof of these things makes you really believe the old reports are true too. And if they are, there is no way in hell that technology came from mankind. Thinking it came from us in the modern day is a stretch but back in the 40s? You know damn well that's not made by man.

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3y ago

Where's the video proof

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5y ago
footlong24seven

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5y ago
There seems to be a few "types" of craft out there:

Cigars

Eggs/Tic Tacs

"String of pearls"

Spherical

Triangular shaped

Metallic Blimp

Am I missing any others?

13

Fortheloveoflife

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5y ago
Boomerangs. I saw two of them in Iceland in 2010. I would also make a distinction between triangular craft and pyramid shaped craft (there are two distinctly different shapes, the triangular ones are isocoles shaped and flat, the pyramids are equilateral and have height). I have also seen one that looked like an upside down eagle's claw in about 1994. It had one talon on the 'front' and two on the 'back'.

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footlong24seven

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5y ago
Cool! Thanks for sharing! The only one I've ever seen was a spherical one that was suspended high the air and didn't move for a while. I was at a Mets game high up in the nosebleed section of Shea Stadium.

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u/Secret-Run4610 avatar

Secret-Run4610

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5y ago
Blocky, structure-like UFOs like the one that cruised low across central illinois about 20 years ago. It was follow by police officers over several counties near Scott AFB.

Massive triangles/rare high profile objects, like the first pheonix light event.

House sized, toy top shaped is the one Barney and Betty hill talked about if im not mistaken.

Luminous/plasma surrounded ball objects. Foo fighters.

Rendlebum (sp?) forest event has a rather unique and vivid UFO description of a glowing bright red sport model with hieroglyphics.

"Dripping" UFOs that eject something weird like liquid metal that evaporates somehow.

Barbell shaped objects.

"Bus" or van shaped and sized craft.

There is also some more dismissed evidence of very small UFOs that may or may not be something to it. Something like that might easily be dismissed as an insect or bird, but be something else.

Also, hilariously you didn't list the infamous saucers.

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4 more replies

Elfalien

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5y ago

egg shaped too, is one that comes up that i consider same type as tictac. Interesting the blue flame that's often reported. Like Lonnie Zamorra's.

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5y ago

What happened to all the Saucers????

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5y ago

Obviously, the aliens felt the saucer design was passé, too 'retro' and needed a makeover for the 21st century. :p

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5y ago

Different race.

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u/Secret-Run4610 avatar

Secret-Run4610

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Thats the one they're talking about thats 50ft from the cockpit.

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u/NoHuckleberry3743 avatar

NoHuckleberry3743

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5y ago

Tic tacs make your breath better. Cigars do not.

How can all you people go along with this??

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u/EpilepticSpastic avatar

EpilepticSpastic

OP

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5y ago

Go along with what?

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u/NoHuckleberry3743 avatar

NoHuckleberry3743

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5y ago

Go along with tic tacs and cigars being equivalent

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2 more replies

u/guhbuhjuh avatar

guhbuhjuh

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5y ago

lol.

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u/croninsiglos avatar

croninsiglos

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5y ago

I don't know, cigars and tic tacs are very different.

The tic tac characteristic, shape, and color don't match the other reports you posted.

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10 more replies

o0flatCircle0o

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5y ago

One thing I desperately wish people would ask Lou...when he says UFOs are real and the government admits it now, and Obama recently said the same... are they referring to UFOs being real since WW2? Or just real recently? That would make the difference between ok it might be drones and ok it's freakin aliens.

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1 more reply

u/EpilepticSpastic avatar

EpilepticSpastic

OP

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5y ago

Important to note that across all of these reports there are bits which basically describe every bit of the Nimitz incident. The object tilting, coming out of the sea, erratic movement, floating, hypersonic velocity, hanging out at 80,000 feet, ect.

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u/ectbot avatar
ectbot

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5y ago

Hello! You have made the mistake of writing "ect" instead of "etc."

"Ect" is a common misspelling of "etc," an abbreviated form of the Latin phrase "et cetera." Other abbreviated forms are etc., &c., &c, and et cet. The Latin translates as "et" to "and" + "cetera" to "the rest;" a literal translation to "and the rest" is the easiest way to remember how to use the phrase.

Check out the wikipedia entry if you want to learn more.

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sling_gun

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5y ago

Good bot

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From February 2021. Listen to the American Airlines pilot who was just buzzed by one.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/7659655/american-airlines-ufo-flight-audio/>

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whiteravenxi

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5y ago

Interesting it was New Mexico 🙄

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u/wolfdabs_ avatar

wolfdabs_

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5y ago

I feel like this painting depicts all known craft types.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1561_celestial_phenomenon_over_Nuremberg

We should modernize the rendition.

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3 more replies

u/tigertron1990 avatar

tigertron1990

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5y ago

My grandfather saw a cigar shaped one in 1969, in Weston-super-Mare, England. He used to design helicopters for a living and when he saw it, he was completely freaked out and never spoke of it again for fear of being thought of as a crazy person.

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5y ago

Page 79 is super intriguing. I do recall seeing video of a cigar shaped ufo with glowing colors on the underside flickering green orange and yellow

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u/SirRobertSlim avatar

SirRobertSlim

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5y ago

After every CIGAR I smoke, I like to have a TIC-TAC to freshen up my breath.

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-Nordico-

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5y ago

You're one of them, AREN'T YOU

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SLCW718

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5y ago

We don't know that the vehicles Fravor called a "Tic-Tac" are the same as as the cigar-shaped vehicles commonly reported in the past. I think we need to be very careful about identifying these issues vehicles, and saying one is the same as another. There's just too much we don't know to draw those links.

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u/elleell avatar

elleell

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5y ago

And we should include r/throwawayliens description of them as a VW microbus

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5y ago

Nice cigar ufo here

<https://youtu.be/QtFMZVuyxkE>

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u/scarystuff avatar

scarystuff

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5y ago

there is a total amount of 0 (ZERO) UFO's in that video...

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u/FleshyToes avatar

FleshyToes

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5y ago

Unless I'm looking at the wrong thing that's 100% a jet contrail

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Yeah man, their first album was the best.

Us real fans know.

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Squarebearz

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u/ttvblueglass military eyewitnesses

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The &c (et ceterarum, "Protector of England, Scotland and Ireland and another") shows that Oliver Cromwell did not renounce the English claims on France

Et cetera (English: /ɛtˈsɛtərə, ɛk-/; Latin: [ɛt ˈkeːtɐra]), abbreviated to etc., et cet., &c. or &c,[1][2] is a Latin expression that is used in English to mean "and all the rest". "&" is a ligature of "et." Translated literally from Latin, et can mean 'and', while cētera can mean 'the rest'; thus, the expression translates to 'and the rest'.

Et cetera is a calque (loanword/phrase) of the Koine Greek καὶ τὰ ἕτερα (kai ta hetera) meaning 'and the other things'. The typical Modern Greek form is καὶ τὰ

λοιπὰ (kai ta loipá), 'and the remainder'.

Spelling and usage

The one-word spelling etcetera appears in at least one dictionary.[3] The abbreviated form &c. or &c is still occasionally used—the ampersand (&), derives from a ligature of et.[4]

The phrase et cetera is often used to denote the logical continuation of some sort of series of descriptions. For example, in the following expression:

We will need a lot of bread: wheat, granary, wholemeal, etc. on our menu.

In this case of a use at the end of a list without conjunction, a comma is typically written in front of the phrase (but see Serial comma). If etc. is used at the end of a sentence, the dot is not doubled. If it occurs at the end of exclamations, questions or a clause, the dot is not suppressed but followed by whatever punctuation marks are required to end or continue the sentence.

etc. in Fraktur

In blackletter (Gothic or Fraktur) typography, the r rotunda (ʀ) is sometimes used for et in place of the similar-looking Tironian et (ʅ), followed by c, to yield ʀc.

Similar Latin expressions

In lists of people, et alia (abbreviated as et al., meaning "and others") is used in place of etc.

In lists of places, et alibi may be used, which is also abbreviated et al.; et alibi means "and elsewhere".

In references to literature or texts in general, et sequentes (versus) or et sequentia 'and the words etc. following' (abbreviated et seq., plural et seqq.) are used to indicate that only the first portion of a known reference is given explicitly, with broad reference to the following passages which logically follow in sequence to the explicit reference. Hence "Title VII, Section 4, Subsection A, Paragraph 1, et seq." might refer to many subsections or paragraphs which follow Paragraph 1. Legal briefs and legislative documents make heavy use of et seq. Notice that there is a functional difference between et seq. and etc. Et seq. and its variations refer specifically to known text; etc. may do so too, but is more likely to leave the reader to supply the unspecified items for themselves. It would not be helpful to say: "Various paragraphs of import similar to those in Title VII, Sections 4, 7, and 2 et seq." though it might make sense to use etc. in such a context.[5]

In popular culture

In the 1956 film *The King and I*, Yul Brynner repeatedly used the expression "...et cetera, et cetera, et cetera..." in his portrayal of King Mongkut of Siam, to characterize the king as wanting to impress everyone with his breadth of great knowledge and the importance of one with no need to expound.[6] This reflected the usage in the novel, *Anna and the King of Siam*, which expressed that king's playful understanding of innumerable things with the phrase, "&c., &c."[6]

Other uses

/etc is a directory in UNIX-like operating systems, responsible mainly for storing system-wide configuration files, preferences, etc.[7][8]

See also

Ellipses (...) may be used for a similar function

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The celestial phenomenon over the German city of Nuremberg on April 14, 1561, as printed in an illustrated news notice in the same month

An April 1561 broadsheet by Hans Glaser described a mass sighting of celestial phenomena or unidentified flying objects (UFO) above Nuremberg (then a Free Imperial City of the Holy Roman Empire). Ufologists have speculated that these phenomena may have been extraterrestrial spacecraft. Skeptics assert that the phenomenon was likely to have been another atmospheric phenomenon, such as a sun dog,^[1] although the print does not fit the usual classic description of the phenomena.^{[2][3]}

History

A broadsheet news article printed in April 1561 describes a mass sighting of celestial phenomena. The broadsheet, illustrated with a woodcut and text by Hans Glaser, measures 26.2 centimetres (10.3 in) by 38.0 centimetres (15.0 in). The document is archived in the prints and drawings collection at the Zentralbibliothek Zürich in Zürich, Switzerland.^[4]

According to the broadsheet, around dawn on 14 April 1561, "many men and women" of Nuremberg saw what the broadsheet describes as an aerial battle "out of the sun", followed by the appearance of a large black triangular object and exhausted combatant spheres falling to earth in clouds of smoke. The broadsheet claims that witnesses observed hundreds of spheres, cylinders, and other odd-shaped objects that moved erratically overhead. The woodcut illustration depicts objects of various shapes, including crosses (with or without spheres on the arms), small spheres, two large crescents, a black spear, and cylindrical objects from which several small spheres emerged and darted around the sky at dawn.

The broadsheet text

The text of the broadsheet has been translated by Ilse Von Jacobi as follows:

In the morning of April 14, 1561, at daybreak, between 4 and 5 on the small clock[Note 1], a dreadful apparition occurred on the sun, and then this was seen in Nuremberg in the city, before the gates and in the country - by many men and women. At first there appeared in the middle of the sun two blood-red semi-circular arcs, just like the moon in its last quarter. And in the sun, above and below and on both sides, the color was blood, there stood a round ball of partly dull, partly black ferrous color. Likewise there stood on both sides and as a torus about the sun such blood-red ones and other balls in large number, about three in a line and four in a square, also some alone. In between these globes there were visible a few blood-red crosses, between which there were blood-red strips, becoming thicker to the rear and in the front malleable like the rods of reed-grass, which were intermingled, among them two big rods, one on the right, the other to the left, and within the small and big rods there were three, also four and more globes. These all started to fight among themselves, so that the globes, which were first in the sun, flew out to the ones standing on both sides, thereafter, the globes standing outside the sun, in the small and large rods, flew into the sun. Besides the globes flew back and forth among themselves and fought vehemently with each other for over an hour. And when the conflict in and again out of the sun was most intense, they became fatigued to such an extent that they all, as said above, fell from the sun down upon the earth 'as if they all burned' and they then wasted away on the earth with immense smoke. After all this there was something like a black spear, very long and thick, sighted; the shaft pointed to the east, the point pointed west. Whatever such signs mean, God alone knows. Although we have seen, shortly one after another, many kinds of signs on the heaven, which are sent to us by the almighty God, to bring us to repentance, we still are, unfortunately, so ungrateful that we despise such high signs and miracles of God. Or we speak of them with ridicule and discard them to the wind, in order that God may send us a frightening punishment on account of our ungratefulness. After all, the God-fearing will by no means discard these signs, but will take it to heart as a warning of their merciful Father in heaven, will mend their lives and faithfully beg God, that He may avert His wrath, including the well-deserved punishment, on us, so that we may temporarily here and perpetually there, live as his children. For it, may God grant us his help, Amen. By Hanns Glaser, letter-painter of Nurnberg.[5]

Modern interpretations and historical context

Similar Events and Writings

The Vadersol (sun dogs, literally "weather-sun") over Stockholm in 1535, as depicted in the Vadersolstavlan.

Miracle sign above Waldeck Castle near Kemnath/Upper Palatinate [Wikidata], also by Hans Glaser from 1554.

The Plech Sky Spectacular, also in Germany and also in 1554. [6]

The 1566 celestial phenomenon over Basel.

The 1628 Meteorite in Hatford, Oxfordshire. [6]

The 1665 celestial phenomenon over Stralsund.

The Miracle of the Sun in Fátima, Portugal in 1917.

Symbolism

According to author Jason Colavito, the woodcut broadsheet became known in modern culture outside of Germany after being published in Carl Jung's 1958 book *Flying Saucers: A Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Skies*, a book which analyzed the archetypal meanings of UFO sightings.[7] Jung expressed a view that the spectacle was most likely a natural phenomenon interpreted from the perspective of religious and military imagery familiar to Europeans in the 16th century. Still, the purpose of Jung's analysis focused on the symbology of the broadsheet and only judged hypotheses as asides. [8]

Jung expresses that the celestial sighting was likely not organic in origin, for example, stating "If the UFOs were living organisms, one would think of a swarm of insects rising with the sun, not to fight one another but to mate and celebrate the marriage flight." Jung proposes that the images of four globes coupled by lines suggested crossed marriage quaternities and forms the model for

"the primitive cross cousin marriage". There is no evidence that this symbol has ever been used in this manner, and Jung may have been invoking more modern genealogical charts as used in kinship anthropology. He also posited that the woodcut may include an individuation symbol and that the association of sunrise suggests "the revelation of the light." [8] This is in line with other interpretations that the woodcut is highly stylized and intended to induce religious admonition in its viewers, not depict the event objectively.

Ufology

In ufology, the broadsheet is repeatedly cited as proof of UFO encounters and evidence of visits by extraterrestrials earlier in human history. Alleged descriptions of numerous witness accounts, interpreted as "violent appearances" and "fighting" are used as reasoning to suggest that UFOs engaged in conflict in the sky, in the literal sense. [9]

Ufologist Jacques Vallée expresses skepticism over the Nuremberg celestial event and other celestial events in 16th century Europe. He reasons that the similarity between this event and other near-identical events implies that this may be a "stock myth" propagated and perhaps commissioned by religious authorities. Vallée interprets the admonitions and apocalyptic thinking in Glaser's prose as evidence that the broadsheet's purpose is that of propaganda. [10]

Historiography

Woodcut art and broadsheet depicting 1566 celestial phenomenon over Basel.

Woodcut art and broadsheet depicting 1566 celestial phenomenon over Basel.

Painting depicting 1535 sun dog over Stockholm.

The Vädersolstavlan, depicting a 1535 sun dog over Stockholm.

Stylized and figurative depictions of likely sun dogs from the 1500s. Despite clear differences in the purposes of these two works, both artists interpreted the events religiously.

Skeptic and historian Ulrich Magin questions the supposed purpose of the woodcut art as a valid and objective report of the celestial event. [6] For example, there are multiple discrepancies in the artwork itself that Magin interprets as invalidating. Nuremberg Castle is not present in Glaser's woodcut, despite being the defining feature of Nuremberg at that time. The Church of St. Lorenz, Nuremberg is present in the woodcut, despite the fact that the church was burnt down at the time of the celestial sighting. [6]

Magin and other skeptics, such as Wiebke Schwarte, conclude that the purpose of the text was that of popular religiously-themed reading material, more akin to tabloids than to a truthful record of the event. At a time when Nuremberg's literacy rate is estimated to be 30% in males and nearly zero in females, readers at this time may have even been aware that they were not meant to consider the validity of the broadsheet. Sun dogs and related phenomena had been known since antiquity and painted with geometric accuracy in Europe before Hans Glaser's broadsheet, such as in famous Swedish painting Vädersolstavlan. This stands in stark contrast to the woodcuts and underscores the purpose of Glaser's abstract and mass-produced interpretation. [6][11]

Modern Christian Interpretation

Similar to the celestial event above Nuremberg was the Miracle of the Sun in Portugal in 1917. Stanley L. Jaki was a priest who saw the event and wrote about it after. Jaki held a doctorate in theology as well as a doctorate in physics, where he detailed mathematical models of optical phenomena. Jaki published a markedly interdisciplinary and compromising view of the Miracle of the Sun that explains such phenomena meteorologically in a manner that does not contradict Catholic teachings.

...a sudden temperature inversion must have taken place. The cold and warm air masses could conceivably propel that rotating air lens in an elliptical orbit first toward the earth, and then push it up, as if it were a boomerang, back to its original position. Meanwhile, the ice crystals in it acted as so many means of refraction for the sun's rays... Only one observer, a lawyer, stated three

decades later that the path of descent and ascent was elliptical with small circles superimposed on it. Such an observation would make eminent sense to anyone familiar with fluid dynamics or even with the workings of a boomerang. There is indeed plenty of scientific information on hand to approach the miracle of the sun scientifically... The carefully co-ordinated interplay of so many physical factors would by itself be a miracle, even if one does not wish to see anything more in what actually happened. Clearly, the "miracle" of the sun was not a mere meteorological phenomenon, however rare. Otherwise it would have been observed before and after, regardless of the presence of devout crowds or not. I merely claim, which I did in my other writings on miracles, that in producing miracles God often makes use of a natural substratum by greatly enhancing its physical components and their interactions.[12]

—Stanley L. Jaki

Notes

This necessarily refers to canonical hours, placing the time at between 6 and 9 a.m. For reference, daybreak in Nuremberg in April occurs between 6 and 6:30 a.m.

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On June 26, 1947, the Chicago Sun coverage of the story may have been the first use ever of the term "flying saucer".
On June 24, 1947, private pilot Kenneth Arnold saw what he described as a string of nine shiny unidentified flying objects flying past Mount Rainier at speeds that he estimated to be at least 1,200 miles per hour (1,900 km/h).

This was the first post-World War II sighting in the United States that garnered nationwide news coverage and is credited with being the first of the modern era of UFO sightings, including numerous reported sightings over the next two to three weeks. Arnold's description of the objects also led to the press quickly coining the terms flying saucer and flying disc as popular descriptive terms for UFOs.

Sighting

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Locations of Arnold's plane and the sighted objects

The objects arrived from the direction of Mount Baker, then passed in front of Mount Rainier and Mount Adams in the space of 1 min. 42 s. The 47 miles (76 km) distance, if measured peak to peak, suggests a speed of 1,660 mph (2,670 km/h), similar to Arnold's estimate of 1,700 mph (2,700 km/h), which far exceeds that of the record-holding P-80 jets of the time.

On June 24, 1947, Arnold was flying from Chehalis, Washington, to Yakima, Washington, in a CallAir A-2 on a business trip. He made a brief detour after learning of a \$5,000 reward (equivalent to \$70,000 today) for the discovery of a U.S. Marine Corps C-46 transport airplane that had crashed near Mount Rainier.
[1] The skies were completely clear and there was a mild wind.[2]

A few minutes before 3:00 p.m. (15:00) at about 9,200 feet (2,800 m) in altitude and near Mineral, Washington, Arnold had given up his search for the downed airplane and began heading eastward towards Yakima, when he noticed a bright flashing light, similar to sunlight reflecting from a mirror. Worried that he might be dangerously close to another aircraft, Arnold scanned the skies around him but all he could detect was a DC-4 to his left and behind him, about 15 miles (24 km) away, with the assistance of ground radar.[2]

About 30 seconds after seeing the first flash of light, Arnold saw a series of bright flashes in the distance off to his left, or north of Mount Rainier, which was then around 20 to 25 miles (32 to 40 km) away. He thought the reflections might be sunlight on his airplane's windows, but a few quick tests (rocking his airplane from side to side, removing his eyeglasses, later rolling down his side window) ruled this out. The reflections came from nine objects, flying in a long chain. For a moment, Arnold thought that they might be a flock of geese, but quickly ruled this out for a number of reasons, including the altitude, bright glint, and obviously very fast speed. He then thought they might be a new type

of jet and started looking intently for wings and other appendages, but was surprised to not see any.[1]

The objects quickly approached Mount Rainier and then passed in front of it, usually appearing darker in profile against the bright white snowfield covering the peak, but occasionally still giving off bright light flashes as they flipped around erratically. Arnold reported at times the objects appeared so thin and flat, they were practically invisible. According to Jerome Clark,[3][4] Arnold described them as a series of objects with convex shapes, though he later revealed that one of the objects differed from the other eight by being crescent-shaped. Several years later, Arnold would state he likened their movement to saucers skipping on water, without comparing their actual shapes to saucers,[5] but initial quotes from him do indeed have him comparing their shape to a "saucer", "disc", "pie pan", or "half moon", or generally convex and thin. [2]

Using a Dzus cowling fastener as a gauge to compare the nine objects to the distant DC-4, Arnold estimated their angular size as slightly smaller than the DC-4, about the width between the outer engines (about 60 ft (18 m)). Arnold also said he realized that the objects would have to be quite large to see any details at that distance and later, after comparing notes with a United Airlines crew that had a similar sighting 10 days later (see below), placed the absolute size as larger than a DC-4 airliner (or greater than 100 feet (30 m) in length). Army Air Force analysts would later estimate 140 to 280 feet (85 m), based on analysis of human visual acuity and other sighting details (such as estimated distance).[6]

Arnold said the objects were grouped together, as Ted Bloecher[7] writes, "in a diagonally stepped-down, echelon formation, stretched out over a distance that he later calculated to be five miles". Though they were moving on a more or less level horizontal plane, Arnold said the objects weaved from side to side ("like the tail of a Chinese kite" as he later stated), darting through the valleys and around the smaller mountain peaks. They would occasionally flip or bank on their edges in unison as they turned or maneuvered causing almost blindingly bright or mirror-like flashes of light. The encounter gave him an "eerie feeling", but Arnold suspected he had seen test flights of a new U.S. military aircraft.[2]

As the objects passed Mount Rainier, Arnold turned his plane southward on a more or less parallel course. It was at this point that he opened his side window and began observing the objects unobstructed by any glass that might have produced reflections. According to Arnold, the objects did not disappear and continued to move very rapidly southward, continuously moving forward of his position. Curious about their speed, he began to time their rate of passage: he said they moved from Mount Rainier to Mount Adams where they faded from view, a distance of around 50 miles (80 km), in one minute and forty-two seconds, according to the clock on his instrument panel. When he later had time to do the calculation, the speed was over 1,700 miles per hour (2,700 km/h). This was about three times faster than any manned aircraft in 1947. Not knowing exactly the distance where the objects faded from view, Arnold conservatively and arbitrarily rounded this down to 1,200 miles (1,900 km) an hour, still faster than any known aircraft, which had yet to break the sound barrier.

Arnold shares the story

After landing in Yakima, Arnold described what he had seen to a number of pilot friends, who suggested that maybe he had seen guided missiles or a new airplane being secretly developed by the United States Army.[8] Arnold refueled his airplane and continued on his way to an air show in Pendleton, Oregon.[2] He was first interviewed by reporters the next day (June 25), when he went to the office of the East Oregonian in Pendleton.[9] Reporters assessed Arnold as highly-credible when they interviewed him at length;[10] as historian Mike Dash wrote:[11]

Arnold had the makings of a reliable witness. He was a respected businessman and experienced pilot ... and seemed to be neither exaggerating what he had seen,

nor adding sensational details to his report. He also gave the impression of being a careful observer ... These details impressed the newspapermen who interviewed him and lent credibility to his report.

Speaking to a reporter for the Associated Press, Arnold told him: "This whole thing has gotten out of hand. I want to talk to the FBI or someone. Half the people look at me as a combination of Einstein, Flash Gordon and screwball. I wonder what my wife back in Idaho thinks." [12]

Corroboration

Eight objects similar to those reported by Arnold photographed over Tulsa, Oklahoma, July 12, 1947 (from Tulsa Daily World)
On July 4, 1947, the Oregon Journal in Portland, Oregon reported receiving a letter from an L. G. Bernier of Richland, Washington (about 110 miles (180 km) east of Mount Adams and 140 miles (230 km) southeast of Mount Rainier). Bernier wrote that he saw three of the strange objects over Richland flying "almost edgewise" toward Mount Rainier about one half-hour before Arnold. Bernier thought the three were part of a larger formation. He indicated they were traveling at high speed: "I have seen a P-38 appear seemingly on one horizon and then gone to the opposite horizon in no time at all, but these disks certainly were traveling faster than any P-38. [Maximum speed of a P-38 was about 440 miles an hour.] No doubt Mr. Arnold saw them just a few minutes or seconds later, according to their speed." [13] The previous day, Bernier had also spoken to his local newspaper, the Richland Washington Villager, and was among the first witnesses to suggest extraterrestrial origins: "I believe it may be a visitor from another planet." [14]

About 60 miles (97 km) west-northwest of Richland in Yakima, Washington, a woman named Ethel Wheelhouse likewise reported sighting several flying discs moving at fantastic speeds at around the same time as Arnold's sighting. [15]

When military intelligence began investigating Arnold's sighting in early July (see below), they found yet another witness from the area. A member of the Washington State forest service, who had been on fire watch at a tower in Diamond Gap, about 20 miles (32 km) south of Yakima, reported seeing "flashes" at 3:00 p.m. on the 24th over Mount Rainier (or exactly the same time as Arnold's sighting), that appeared to move in a straight line. Similarly, at 3:00 p.m. Sidney B. Gallagher in Washington state (exact position unspecified) reported seeing nine shiny discs flash by to the north. [16]

Other Seattle area newspapers also reported other sightings of flashing, rapidly moving unknown objects on the same day, but not the same time, as Arnold's sighting. Most of these sightings were over Seattle or west of Seattle in the town of Bremerton, either that morning or at night. [17]

The primary corroborative sighting, however, occurred ten days later (July 4) when a United Airlines crew over Idaho en route to Seattle also spotted five to nine disk-like objects that paced their plane for 10 to 15 minutes before suddenly disappearing. [18]

Arnold talks of possible non-earthly origins

On July 7, 1947, two stories came out where Arnold raised the topic of possible extraterrestrial origins, both as his opinion and those who had written to him. In an Associated Press story, Arnold said he had received quantities of fan mail eager to help solve the mystery, none of it calling him a "screwball". Many of the writers, like a doomsday preacher Arnold spoke of, placed a religious interpretation on his sighting. But others, he said, "suggested the discs were visitations from another planet." Arnold added he had purchased a movie camera, which he would now take with him on every flight, hoping to obtain photographic proof of what he had seen. [19]

In the other story, Arnold was interviewed by the Chicago Times: [20]

... Kenneth Luis Arnold ... is not so certain that the strange contraptions are made on this planet. Arnold ... said he hoped the devices were really the work of the U.S. Army. But he told the TIMES in a phone conversation: 'If our government knows anything about these devices, the people should be told at once. A lot of people out here are very much disturbed. Some think these things may be from another planet. But they aren't harming anyone and I think it would be the wrong thing to shoot one of them down—even if can be done. Their high speed would completely wreck them ...

Arnold, in pointing to the possibility of these discs being from another world, said, regardless of their origin, they apparently were traveling to some reachable destination. Whoever controlled them, he said, obviously wasn't trying to hurt anyone ... He said discs were making turns so abruptly in rounding peaks that it would have been impossible for human pilots inside to have survived the pressure. So, he too thinks they are controlled from elsewhere, regardless of whether it's from Mars, Venus, or our own planet.

In an Associated Press story from July 19, Arnold reiterated his belief that if they weren't Army, then they were extraterrestrial:[21]

The ex-University of Minnesota swimmer and footballer says he now believes:

The disks are not from any foreign country.

The Army could give the answer if it would - "if they don't have the explanation now they certainly could do something to find out."

If the Army has no explanation the disks must be - "and I know this sounds crazy" - from another planet.

In April 1949, in a skeptical article in the Saturday Evening Post titled "What You Can Believe About Flying Saucers", Arnold was likewise quoted:[22]

Since my first observations and report of the so-called "flying disks" I have spent a great deal of money and time thoroughly investigating the subject ... There is no doubt in my mind but what these objects are aircraft of a strange design, and material that is unknown to the civilization of this earth.

In 1950, broadcaster Edward R. Murrow interviewed Arnold, who stated that since June 1947 he had had three additional sightings of nine spacecraft.[2]

Publicity and origins of term "flying saucer"

Arnold's account was first featured in a few late newspaper editions on June 25, appeared in numerous U.S. and Canadian papers (and some foreign newspapers) on June 26 and thereafter, often on the front page. Without exception, according to Bloecher, the Arnold story was initially related with a serious, even-handed tone. The first reporters to interview Arnold were Nolan Skiff and Bill Bequette of the East Oregonian in Pendleton, Oregon on June 25, and the first story on the Arnold sighting, written by Bequette, appeared in the newspaper the same day.[23][24]

The term appears

Starting June 26 and June 27, newspapers first began using the terms "flying saucer" and "flying disk" (or "disc") to describe the sighted objects. Thus the Arnold sighting is credited with giving rise to these popular terms. The actual origin of the terms is somewhat complicated. Jerome Clark cites a 1970 study by Herbert Strentz, who reviewed U.S. newspaper accounts of the Arnold UFO sighting, and concluded that the term was probably due to an editor or headline writer: the body of the early Arnold news stories did not use the term "flying saucer" or "flying disc." [25] However, some earlier stories did in fact credit Arnold with using terms such as "saucer", "disk", and "pie-pan" in describing the shape. (see quotations further below)

Bequette interview

Years later, Arnold claimed he told Bill Bequette that "they flew erratic, like a saucer if you skip it across the water." Arnold felt that he had been misquoted since the description referred to the objects' motion rather than

their shape.[5] Thus Bequette has often been credited with first using "flying saucer" and supposedly misquoting Arnold, but the term does not appear in Bequette's early articles. Instead, his first article of June 25 says only, "He said he sighted nine saucer-like aircraft flying in formation..."[26]

The next day in a much more detailed article, Bequette wrote, "He clung to his story of shiny, flat objects racing over the Cascade mountains with a peculiar weaving motion 'like the tail of a Chinese kite.' ...He also described the objects as 'saucer-like' and their motion 'like fish flipping in the sun.' ... [Arnold] described the objects as 'flat like a pie-pan and somewhat bat-shaped'." [27] It wasn't until June 28 that Bequette first used the term "flying disc" (but not "flying saucer").

A review of early newspaper stories indicates that immediately after his sighting, Arnold generally described the objects' shape as thin and flat, rounded in the front but chopped in the back and coming to a point, i.e., more or less saucer- or disk-like. He also specifically used terms like "saucer" or "saucer-like", "disk", and "pie pan" or "pie plate" in describing the shape. The motion he generally described as weaving like the tail of a kite and erratic flipping.

For example, in a surviving recorded radio interview from June 26, 1947, made by reporter Ted Smith, United Press correspondent in Pendleton, and aired on KWRC, the local radio station of Pendleton,[28] Arnold described them as looking "something like a pie plate that was cut in half with a sort of a convex triangle in the rear." His motion descriptions were: "I noticed to the left of me a chain which looked to me like the tail of a Chinese kite, kind of weaving... they seemed to flip and flash in the sun, just like a mirror... they seemed to kind of weave in and out right above the mountaintops..."

Military investigation of Arnold story

Kenneth Arnold's report to Army Air Forces (AAF) intelligence, dated July 12, 1947, which includes annotated sketches of the typical craft in the chain of nine objects

The first investigation of Arnold's claims came from Lt. Frank Brown and Capt. William Davidson of Hamilton Field in California, who interviewed Arnold on July 12. Arnold also submitted a written report at that time. Regarding the reliability of Arnold's sighting, they concluded:[29]

It is the present opinion of the interviewer that Mr. Arnold actually saw what he stated he saw. It is difficult to believe that a man of [his] character and apparent integrity would state that he saw objects and write up a report to the extent that he did if he did not see them.

Others were less impressed. First Lt. Hal L. Eustace of the Army Air Corps, in a declassified July 1947 intelligence report, said that Arnold "seems to be reasonably well balanced, although excitable", describing Arnold's report as a case of "silly season episodes".[1]

The Army Air Force's formal public conclusion was that "the objects of this sighting were due to a mirage." [1]

On July 9, AAF intelligence, with help from the FBI, secretly began an investigation of the best sightings, mostly from pilots and military personnel[citation needed]. Arnold's sighting, as well as that of the United Airline's crew, were included in the list of best sightings. Three weeks later they came to the conclusion that the saucer reports were not imaginary or adequately explained by natural phenomena; something real was flying around. [citation needed] This laid the groundwork for another intelligence estimate in September 1947 by Gen. Nathan Twining, commanding officer of the Air Materiel Command, which likewise concluded the saucers were real and urged a formal investigation by multiple government agencies. This in turn resulted in the formation of Project Sign at the end of 1947, the first publicly acknowledged

USAF UFO investigation. Project Sign eventually evolved into Project Grudge, and then the better known Project Blue Book.

The personnel of the U.S. Air Force's Project Sign (1947-1949) also later studied Arnold's story. According to Major Edward J. Ruppelt,[30]

I found that there was a lot of speculation on this report [amongst Sign personnel]. Two factions ... joined up behind two lines of reasoning. One side said that Arnold had seen plain, everyday jet airplanes flying in formation ... The other side didn't buy this idea at all. They based their argument on the fact that Arnold knew where the objects were when he timed them ...

There was an old theory that maybe Arnold had seen wind whipping snow along the mountain ridges, so I asked Air Force investigators about this. I got a flat "Impossible."

Widespread UFO reports after Arnold sighting

Main article: 1947 flying disc craze

In the weeks that followed Arnold's June 1947 story, at least several hundred reports of similar sightings flooded in from the U.S. and around the world—most of which described saucer-shaped objects.[31]

Skeptical explanations

In an article published in The Minneapolis Star two days after the sighting, officials at McChord Army Air Field, about 75 air miles from the mid-point of the peaks of Mount Rainier and Mount Adams, "theorized that the only planes coming near the description are the fast P-80s." [32] The officials at McChord added that March Field, California was the closest airfield with P-80s based on it. March Field was about 600 air miles (about an hour's journey in a P-80) from the midpoint of the peaks of Mount Rainier and Mount Adams.[33]

The commander of the White Sands Proving Ground in New Mexico, Lieutenant Colonel Harry R. Turner, also told reporters that Arnold's sighting was consistent with the appearance of jet airplanes.[34] When police officers and others in Portland, Oregon reported "flying disks" on the Fourth of July, Army officials responded "by pointing out that 24 P-80 fighters and six bombers flew over the city about the time the 'discs' were reported." [35]

Steuart Campbell has said that the objects Arnold reported could have been mirages of several snow-capped peaks in the Cascade Range. Campbell's calculation of the objects' speed determined that they were travelling at roughly the same speed as Arnold's plane, indicating that the objects were in fact stationary. Mirages could have been caused by temperature inversions over several deep valleys in the line of sight.[36]

Philip J. Klass[37] cited an article by Keay Davidson of the San Francisco Examiner in arguing that Arnold might have misidentified meteors on June 24, 1947.

James Easton[38] was one of several skeptics to suggest that Arnold may have misidentified American white pelicans: the birds live in the Washington region, are rather large (wingspans of over 9.8 ft (3 m) are not uncommon), have a pale underside that can reflect light, can fly at rather high altitudes, and can appear to have a somewhat crescent-shaped profile when flying.

Donald Menzel's explanations

Donald Menzel was a Harvard astronomer and one of the earliest UFO debunkers. Over the years, he offered several possible explanations for Arnold's 1947 UFO sighting.[39]

In 1953, Menzel suggested that Arnold had seen clouds of snow blown from the mountains south of Mount Rainier.

In 1963, Menzel proposed that Arnold had seen orographic clouds or wave clouds.

In 1971, Menzel said that Arnold may have merely seen spots of water on his

airplane's windows.

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Saturday, July 04, 2015

Flying Saucers and Kenneth Arnold

(Blogger's Note: Yes, I've touched on this before but in the last week or so the MSM, that is to say Time, published a UFO story that made the point that flying saucer was based on an error so of proving there is nothing to the sightings. I thought I'd take another run at this idea.)

I have seen recently more suggestions that the term, "Flying Saucer," is a misnomer because Kenneth Arnold wasn't describing the shape of the objects he saw but their motion through the air. Reports from June 1947, however, seemed to indicate that some objects were saucer shaped, and others, who were busy

The original drawing made by Arnold for the Army in 1947. misidentifying mundane objects, whether natural or human constructed, began talking of flying saucers regardless of shape. It is a point that I find interesting.

When I was working on The Government UFO Files, I tried to track all this down. Looking at the newspaper reporting, at the Project Blue Book files, at the documentation that came from APRO, NICAP and other organizations, I tried to find any story published prior to June 24, 1947, that mentioned disk-shaped or saucer-shaped craft. I found virtually nothing.

Photograph by William Rhodes in July 1947.

There were many stories in the newspapers after Arnold about strange craft, and many of them referred to flying saucers even when the object reported was not saucer shaped. The term became a catchall for anything that people had seen and had been unable to identify. The best seemed to be a report in the newspaper from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, that predated Arnold, but the truth was that while it seemed the man had seen the objects on June 24 (as best as I can figure) it wasn't reported until days after Arnold so was no help in my quest. You can read about it here:

<http://kevinrandle.blogspot.com/2013/03/the-june-23-1947-ufo-sighting.html>

On April 1, 1947, a series of sightings made by Walter Minczewski began near Richmond, Virginia that involved the U.S. Weather Bureau and seemed to meet my rather arbitrary conditions. This would later become Incident No. 79 in the Project Grudge final report. According to the information provided:

A weather bureau observer at the Richmond Station observed on three different occasions, during a six month period prior to April, 1947, a disc-like metal chrome object. All sightings were made through a theodolite while making pibal [balloon] observations.

On the last reported sighting, the balloon was at 15,000 feet altitude, the disc followed for 15 seconds. It was shaped like an ellipse with a flat level bottom and a dome-like top [emphasis added]. The altitude and the speed were not estimated, but the object, allegedly through the instrument, appeared larger than the balloon.

Another observer at the same station saw a similar object under corresponding circumstances, with the exception that her balloon was at an altitude of 27,000 feet and possessed a dull-metallic luster. There was good visibility on days of observation. Report of this sighting was not submitted until 22 July 1947.

AMC Opinion: There is no readily apparent explanation. If there were only one such object, it seems amazingly coincidental that it would be seen four times near the pibal of this station only. On the other hand, there would have to be a great number of these objects to rule out coincidence, and as they number of objects increases so do the chances of sightings by other witnesses.

Project Astronomer's Opinion: There is no astronomical explanation for this incident, which, however, deserves considerable attention, because of the experience of the observers and the fact that the observations was made through a theodolite and that comparison could be made with a pibal balloon. The observers had, therefore, a good estimate of altitude, of relative size, and of speed - much more reliable than those given in most reports.

This investigator would like to recommend that these and other pibal observers be quizzed as to other possible, unreported sightings.

This series of reports, made by Minczewski, are not mentioned in the Project Blue Book Index, which lists only a couple of reports made prior to the Kenneth Arnold sighting. All were reported after the press coverage of the Arnold sighting, so there is no way to document the actual date of the sighting.

Ted Bloecher, in The Report on the UFO Wave of 1947, added some important details to the case. He wrote:

As early as the middle of April 1947, at the Weather Bureau in Richmond, Virginia, a U. S. Government meteorologist named Walter A. Minczewski and his staff had released a pibal balloon and were tracking its east-to-west course at 15,000 feet when they noticed silver, ellipsoidal object just below it. Larger than the balloon, this object appeared to be flat on bottom, and when observed through the theodolite used to track the balloon, was seen to have a dome on its upper side. Minczewski and his assistants watched the object for fifteen seconds as it traveled rapidly in level flight on a westerly course, before disappearing from view. In the official report on file at the Air Force's Project Blue Book, at Wright-Patterson Field, in Dayton, Ohio, this sighting is listed as Unidentified.

The point here is that we have a case of a disk-like object, and a date assigned by the Air Force about the sighting, but we have no documentation that I can find dated prior to the Arnold sighting. There might be something hidden away in the Weather Bureau records, or somewhere else, but I have nothing that pre-dates Arnold for this case.

And before I hear of all those sightings of disks and saucers from early in the 20th century, I was looking for something in the months prior to Arnold. I arbitrarily set a year as the outside limit though I did look at the Foo Fighter reports. The Swedish Ghost Rockets in 1946 all seemed to be of something that resembled German vengeance weapons as opposed to flying saucers.

While the claim that "flying saucers" are the result of bad reporting and people leaping onto the bandwagon, there is some evidence that saucers had been seen prior to Arnold but there is virtually nothing in the record to show these sightings were reported prior to Arnold. That might be because no one thought much about it until the Arnold sighting hit the national press, but whatever the reason, the point is, I could find nothing about a saucer-shaped object dated in the months prior to Arnold (and to beat a dead horse, I have the reports published after Arnold that refer to events before Arnold, but nothing in the newspapers or anywhere else published prior to it).

Posted by KRandle at 9:48 AM

Labels: APRO, foo fighters, Ghost Rockets, Government UFO Files, Kenneth Arnold, NICAP, Project Blue Book, Project Grudge, Ted Bloecher, US Weather Bureau, Walter Minczewski

57 comments:

Lance said...

It seems to me, Kevin, that even if you did find evidence of disk-shaped craft reported prior to Arnold's sighting, that does not negate the proposition that the "skips like a saucer"/"flying saucer" media construction was responsible for why saucers became the predominant shape that people "saw" in the skies.

The Arnold case received a huge amount of coverage. We absolutely know that press coverage precipitates copycat reports (see the windshield pitting hysteria or the Mad Gasser nonsense for proof).

Arnold didn't see a saucer--but the press reported that he did and thereafter saucers were pretty much the standard shape for UFO's. Denying the implications of this is just part of the reason that UFO belief falls outside scientific (or rational) interest.

Lance

July 4, 2015 at 10:45 AM

albert said...

@Lance,

Certainly some witnesses will try to shoehorn a sighting into some familiar shape or construction, but there's no reason to assume that most folks can't

accurately report what they _see_. Since our culture is conditioned by 'science' to believe that all phenomena can be explained, a grey area exists between the sighting and the analysis of what it was (explanation). Some folks (way too many, IMO) are willing to ascribe 'UFO' (i.e., alien, 'flying saucer') to any light in the sky. Some folks are, with metaphysical certitude, not willing to entertain any such hypothesis. The physical description is all we have to go on. If it's not a bird, a plane, or Superman, then it has to be considered, for the moment, as unexplained. Hearing folks pontificate on what it _could_ be is usually of no interest to me, unless they have a new take on the issue. I've heard the range of possibilities, from the sublime to the ridiculous.

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I have no problem with unexplained sightings, and I really don't care if I never find an explanation. Sometimes, we gotta be satisfied with theories. Science is full of 'em.

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July 4, 2015 at 12:01 PM

Bob Koford said...

Though not a from a press report, I believe the July 2 1947 Project:SIGN document on the sighting of "Supersonic Platters" is interesting. Even though the document was penned on July the 2nd, and the report was taken late June, after Arnold's sighting, the actual incident supposedly occurred on May 19th.

The term "Supersonic Platters" seems, by reason, to have come from the witnesses, as Flying Saucer was already being used internally. It is an interesting term, since it is another way of describing something akin to a "flying saucer."

July 4, 2015 at 12:16 PM

albert said...

@Kevin,

I did a little research into 'pibal' (pilot balloon) stuff. Fascinating how the WWW has so much information on obscure subjects. Theodolite tracking of UFOs is a great way to get some quantitative information, especially with two systems. (<http://www.pilotballoon.com>)

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Modern theodolites (used for missile tracking) are much more sophisticated, with video, auto tracking, data recording, and multi-site coordination. There's an outfit (hunter.pairsite.com/theodolite/) with an iPhone app that duplicates those functions. Up to 5 units can be 'synced'. This represents the possibility of finally obtaining quantitative evidence in UFO sightings. Video, altitude, direction and speed, as well as accurate size estimations. With millions of iPhones in use, all that's necessary is some organization.

Sure would be a welcome change from the UFO BS on YouTube.

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July 4, 2015 at 12:19 PM

KRandle said...

Lance -

Wouldn't the null hypothesis for this be that flying saucers were reported prior to the Arnold sighting?

We have many cases of people seeing flying saucers in the months prior to Arnold. I reject those that were reported after Arnold because there could be contamination. They might have seen something else but then said it was disk shaped or saucer shaped based on what was said in the press.

But for those reported prior to Arnold, that contamination doesn't exist. While there are sightings of saucers or disks reported prior to Arnold, those are a decade or more older. I wanted something closer to Arnold. There is also

evidence that the Air Force dumped a number of cases that had been in their files that predated Arnold.

So, here is where we are. I have not found anything that predates Arnold that can be documented other than the possibility of the Minczewski case from April. At this point I have been until to document that but there is a real possibility of that.

July 4, 2015 at 12:39 PM

Lance said...

Hi Kevin,

I don't think so. It's a rather common shape and is documented in earlier science fiction.

It's the huge media frenzy and the resulting reports that followed that suggest that the shape followed the press report. We have no reason to think that all of those reports were anything other than at least the standard ~90% (and I suggest more like 100%) bunk that make up all UFO cases. So among those cases, it is strongly suggested that folks had learned that they should see saucers (not the off bat-wing/half plates that Arnold saw). And they dutifully began to "see" them.

Of course nothing social like this is open and shut and completely clear cut. There very well may have been earlier reports of a saucer shape. I don't think that matters.

Albert writes:

" but there's no reason to assume that most folks can't accurately report what they _see_. "

I think there is plenty reason, particularly under media induced hysteria. I will mention the famous experiments done in the UK that David Clarke revisits in his excellent new book, "How UFOs Conquered the World: The History of a Modern Myth" as rather clear evidence of this.

Again, ignoring or trying to feebly minimize this inconvenient truth hasn't served UFO believers well in trying to get folks outside the myth to take interest.

Lance

July 4, 2015 at 1:54 PM

Brian B said...

The shape Arnold drew, initially for ALL of the "saucers" he saw resembles a near if not perfectly drawn outline of the early 1950's AVRO Canada "Project Y" that used a radical design featuring a radial flow gas turbine engine in the center.

While that design was officially contracted for production in 1952, it has been documented that English designer Jack Frost believed the Nazis had already created saucer aircraft and he then attempted to design his own. While he arrived in Canada in June 1947, it has been discussed that he was already working on these design prototypes for the British parent company AVRO Ltd as early as 1945.

If this is true, Arnold may have reported a squadron of prototypes coming from the Avro airfields just across the border for transport to USAAF fields in the SW and California.

Project Y could travel Mach 2.5 and could easily hit the 1,500 mph Arnold estimated. The Rhodes photo of July 1947 is also one of the early prototype

designs. The hole in the center is the gas turbine which Rhodes reported when he said it emitted a rushing whirlwind sound.

July 4, 2015 at 2:03 PM

Don Maor said...

Lance claimed:

"that does not negate the proposition that the "skips like a saucer"/"flying saucer" media construction was responsible for why saucers became the predominant shape that people "saw" in the skies."

Strictly speaking, the proposition "skips like a saucer" does NOT negate the object being like a saucer. Of course, it was not a saucer for food, but the proposition does NOT rule out the saucer shape. In other words, saucers may also "skip like a saucer".

Another point, skeptics always fail to notice that additionally to the disc or saucer shape, many other shapes were reported, likes spheres, cylinders, pyramids, and many other odd ones. So, skeptics always like to claim that the media contamination is so strong and devastating that it caused the misnomer "saucer" from the Arnold Sighting, but in the reality, the media contamination was not so strong, allowing the reporting of other shapes of UFOs. The variety of consistent shapes reported for UFOs would tell any normal person that there is something real to UFOs.

Lance claimed:

"Arnold didn't see a saucer--but the press reported that he did and thereafter saucers were pretty much the standard shape for UFO's. Denying the implications of this is just part of the reason that UFO belief falls outside scientific (or rational) interest."

I don't know what Arnold saw, but many skeptics seem to comfortably believe that Arnold saw something with shape a boomerang. The very first drawings by Arnold (one those drawings is presented by Kevin here) do not support the boomerang shape. Indeed, the drawing is pretty much closer to the disc shape than to the boomerang.

July 4, 2015 at 2:16 PM

Lance said...

Don,

I accept your first point but I don't think it is pertinent. Arnold's first descriptions, which are not well documented but seem to be something like: "half-moon shaped, oval in front and convex in the rear" isn't like what became the classic saucer shape. I realize that believers try to rationalize that away.

Don writes:

"skeptics always fail to notice that additionally to the disc or saucer shape, many other shapes were reported"

Always? I'm a skeptic. I didn't fail to notice this. That's why I used the word "predominate" above.

"many skeptics seem to comfortably believe that Arnold saw something with shape a boomerang"

Not me. I think he thought that he saw something like the shape he reported mentioned above--sort of a half pie plate with a kind of covex rear end.

And the drawing is immaterial, I suggest, since it came after the media frenzy and wasn't nearly as well publicized.

Again, I realize that, for saucer believers, this characterization doesn't fit their belief system. But it is compelling for folks outside the mythology.

Lance

July 4, 2015 at 2:45 PM

Brian B said...

Don't forget that a month after he gave his original report he added a new type of object to the mix. In the Portland Oregonian on July 11, he was quoted saying, "I actually saw a type of aircraft slightly longer than it was wide, with a thickness about one twentieth as great as its width. ...I reckoned the saucers were 23 miles away."

This evolved into his drawing of what some claim was a flying wing - and Arnold added that this craft was at the head of the formation leading the other formerly described craft.

Interesting he did not report this initially. Did he fictionalize the new object from concepts known from the Horton or Northrup designs to somehow justify the sighting as real? Make it more believable?

July 4, 2015 at 3:27 PM

Unknown said...

Brian,

If the AVRO Project Y was already built in 1947 then why was the contract for the prototype let in 1952? From what I can tell it never went to more than a wooden prototype and was never produced. The figures for performance appear to be theoretical. The later Avrocar was a much simplified version of a Frost design and it was an abject failure.

The flying wing was another project ahead of it's time, it proved to be unstable in flight. It wasn't until computer controlled flight became possible that the flying wing became practical.

July 4, 2015 at 6:20 PM

Don Maor said...

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July 4, 2015 at 6:50 PM

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Lance said:

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The shape reported by Arnold is well documented in his original drawings. Make an exercise Lance, print in a paper the original drawing made by Arnold (Kevin has posted the original drawing in this post). Once printed, grab a compass (a circle-maker-tool) and honestly try to inscribe or circumscribe a circle to the drawing made by Arnold. You tell then if they are so different or not.

July 4, 2015 at 6:51 PM

Lance said...

It hardly takes such an experiment to see what is plain: Arnold's is circular in front but not in back which is unlike what immediately became the traditional flying saucer.

I understand why believers want this fact to go away.

Lance

July 4, 2015 at 7:06 PM

Lance said...

And I did say his first descriptions. The drawing came several weeks later apparently and, as we see, Arnold had quite an imagination as evidenced by his later description of another craft.

Again NONE of that stuff matters--his description didn't sound like a traditional flying saucer.

But folks began to see mostly purely round saucers after the "saucer" word hit the media. And that meme held firm until other shapes took the fancy of the media: triangles and even crosses.

Lance

July 4, 2015 at 7:15 PM

Gurkenstein said...

There were many stories in the newspapers after Arnold about strange craft, and many of them referred to flying saucers even when the object reported was not saucer shaped.

I'm comfortable with the fact the term "flying saucer" became a colloquialism until it was gradually supplanted by "ufo," just as the term "foo fighter" became the colloquial reference among allied air crews during WWII to describe phenomena.

Statistical analysis of both Blue Book and NICAP sightings reports completely refute some random skeptic's repeated insistence that the term dictated, let alone influenced the subsequent nature of the majority of sighting reports. As Kevin suggested, even when for example cigar shape or cylindrical objects were described in detailed follow-ups they would be loosely referred to as "flying saucers" in their initial sighting reports.

What I find far more pernicious is that the term "ufo" is presently conflated to imply extraterrestrial, and worse, "little green men" per se. This is the main reason I've abandoned the ufo reference completely, it's become analogous in the popular culture with ET.

July 4, 2015 at 9:27 PM

Lance said...

"Statistical analysis of both Blue Book and NICAP sightings reports completely refute some random skeptic's repeated insistence that the term dictated, let alone influenced the subsequent nature of the majority of sighting reports."

Can you provide a link for this analysis?

Thanks,

Lance

July 4, 2015 at 9:44 PM

Gurkenstein said...

http://www.nicap.org/ufoe/section_12.htm

July 4, 2015 at 10:51 PM

Lance said...

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July 4, 2015 at 10:57 PM

Lance said...

Okay. And that paper, which closely follows the original Project Grudge conclusion that:

"The most numerous reports indicate daytime observation of metallic disc-like objects roughly in diameter ten times their thickness."

And indeed shows that (even considering up to 1963 --quite a ways past the time period we are discussing) the predominate reported shape was disk-like.

And that does what you say it does, how?

Lance

July 4, 2015 at 11:05 PM

Gurkenstein said...

This is a waste of my time. This is a 170-page report that states quite plainly in its introduction,

An attempt was made to find groups of Unknowns for which the observed characteristics were the same. No such groups were found.. An intensive study, aimed at finding a verified model or models of "flying saucers .. led to the conclusion that neither goal could be attained using the present data.. the data conclusively failed to reveal even a rough model.. the data as a whole failed to reveal any marked patterns or trends. - Statement by U.S. Air Force (From Project Blue Book Special Report No.14, 1955, ppg. 91-94)

The data is there. It supports this conclusion. It couldn't be any more simple. I'm done.

July 4, 2015 at 11:22 PM

Lance said...

Sorry to waste your time by asking you to provide support for your assertions. Many UFO believers have plenty of time for the assertions...little time for supporting them.

The paper talks about lots of stuff unrelated to the discussion above: maneuvers and supposed flight characteristics, etc. ..that is why the paper (written by hardcore UFO buffs) decided that there was no typical UFO.

On the shape of the things (what we were discussing here, I think) the paper is quite clear: most were disc shaped.

So instead of supporting your earlier assertion, it refutes it handily.

Thanks,

Lance

July 4, 2015 at 11:30 PM

Gurkenstein said...

No Lance. The assertions are yours. The paper refutes your casual assertions that somehow the term "flying saucer" has influenced the nature of sightings exactly with detailed collection of charts, tables and illustrations. More interestingly, anyone with a few seconds of time can see how you chose to structure your argument by cherry-picking a single sentence from a paragraph, and present that as the conclusive support of your repeated misrepresentation of sightings.

The paragraph you decided to do your buffet-shopping from reads:

A. PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Shape

The Air Force Project Grudge Report of December 1949 (Technical Report No. 102-

AC-49/15-100) concluded, on the basis of intelligence reports of UFOs, that the objects were of three basic types:

(1) "The most numerous reports indicate daytime observation of metallic disc-like objects roughly in diameter ten times their thickness."

(2) Rocket-like objects.

(3) "Sharply defined luminous objects" appearing as lights at night.

Thirteen years of UFO sightings have been added to the record since this evaluation was made. A statistical study of the cases listed in the chronology of this report [Section XI], covering a period of 22 years beginning with 1942, indicates that the above pattern is well-established.

In sum... not only is your characterization wrong, as more data became available it is proven more wrong.

July 4, 2015 at 11:46 PM

Lance said...

I'm sorry I don't understand your point....

The above says clearly that the most numerous reports indicated saucer shaped objects. The other two types were presumed less numerous,

And I concede that there were charts and graphs, very impressive. But they all support the basic idea that the saucer is the predominate shape reported by witnesses.

I know it is tempting to just say it is all in there but can you point out the exact point that refutes the above?

Lance

July 4, 2015 at 11:56 PM

eBikesRC said...

See below...I don't think this guy was joking at all. He gave waayyy too detailed information to be a joke. This is WHY I know Roswell is part of some MILITARY UFO EARTH BASED secret program. We do NOT have a need to know! That's how the game is played. Arnold KNEW he was bugged in WA, and he starts the propaganda catching wild fire with Fate magazine too! What an amazing media campaign.

Also, the very end of the article says these sightings were happening for 10 days, so that predates Roswell too.

How many ET UFO Investigators SERIOUSLY followed-up on any of these reports? There was enough information there to track down some relatives, etc. IMO.

<http://www.project1947.com/fig/1947f.htm>

I thank Sentry for finding that link. His blog is blueblurrylines.com

Roswell Morning Dispatch, - July 8, 1947

Report Flying Disk Found

By The Associated Press

Two flying disks were reported found in Texas and at least one is being investigated by military officials as the total number of Texans claiming to have seen the mysterious objects passed the 50 mark yesterday.

The disks were reported found on a beach near Trinity Bay, near Houston, and

near Hillsboro.

The Houston Chronicle said a great deal of mystery surrounded the one found near there by Norman Hargrave, a jeweler, Sunday. He first reported that he had found the aluminum disk floating near the beach while he and his wife were walking. He described it minutely, even giving an inscription he said it carried.

Today he said it was all a joke, but the Chronicle, after extensive checking, said "there are some mysterious facts contained in his (Hargrave's) first report that lend credence to the tale."

Hargrave first said the disk bore this wording: "Military secret of the United States of America. Army Air Forces M4339658. Anyone damaging or revealing description or whereabouts of this missile subject to prosecution by the U.S. government. Call collect at once, LD446, Army Air Forces Denot, Spokane, Wash." He said the words "non-explosive" also were carried.

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The Chronicle, meanwhile, telephoned Spokane, and said it "brought interest" on the part of the commanding officer, but he would not confirm or deny that the missile may have carried the message. Later he referred Houston to Wright Field, Ohio, but the commanding officer there was out of town.

In Houston, Col. R. W. Warren, commanding officer of Ellington Field, said he had been instructed by Washington to investigate.

Houston police would not say if they had the missile.

The second flying disks (sic) was reported found by Bob Scott, a farmer living two and a half miles east of Hillsboro. He said the disk fell on his place Friday, and that it resembled a saucer. He said it was so bright he could not look at it very long.

He said he was afraid people might believe he was "going to extremes in imagining things" and he told no one but his family until yesterday.

Then he notified O.F. Kissick and Joe Gerick, Hillsboro, who went to the field and investigated. Most of it had melted, they said. Gerick said one piece looked like tin foil, but when he picked it up, it appeared to be celluloid.

Another development in Houston was a suggestion by Charles Odom, 23, air force captain in the last war, that the flying disks might be "crystal balls" similar to those he said were used by the Nazis.

He said these balls were electronically operated, and while in midair would send back to a radar screen on the ground the altitude, speed and other data of bombers it approached. He said the balls would fly up to the altitude of bombers, were apparently magnetized, and then flew along with the plane formations. [...]

July 5, 2015 at 1:53 AM
cda said...
eBikesRC:

I presume Charles Odom's "crystal balls" are fictitious. The ones 'used by the Nazis' are the 'foo fighters' seen by both allied forces and the Germans. Each blamed the other for those mysterious lights that appeared to follow the bombers. Perhaps Odom is basing his tale on them.

Why does the Houston Chronicle happen to report two other discs found on a beach the very same day the Roswell papers were reporting the 'disc' found on a ranch in NM? Are we supposed to believe three 'discs' were all reported on the same

day? What became of the Houston 'discs', assuming they existed?

We also read that one of them is described as a 'missile'. Why? A small disc found on a beach becomes a 'missile'. Really this shows how dotty the subject had become after only two weeks in the news.

Arnold developed his paranoia about being bugged during the Maury Island case in late July, I believe. Someone can correct me if I'm wrong.

July 5, 2015 at 7:56 AM

Brian B said...

@CDA on the term "missile"....

If you look at the 1940's use of this term it is frequently used to describe non-conventional aircraft of any kind, not just rocket propelled "missiles" as we know them today. That's why it commonly shows up when even describing Arnold's sighting and others of the time.

July 5, 2015 at 9:30 AM

Brian B said...

@ Neal Foy - you commented:

"If the AVRO Project Y was already built in 1947 then why was the contract for the prototype let in 1952? From what I can tell it never went to more than a wooden prototype and was never produced."

Yes, but if exploration of the prototypes between 1947 and 1952 were able to demonstrate viability, and the partnerships between competing allies (Britain and the U.S.) were resolved post war, then you have contract agreement.

Of course any Punic research is going to end with nothing more than a wooden mock-up. However the project was publicly reported "cancelled" for no reasons and then "went away". Maybe it did, or maybe it was buried in yet another black project contract. The wooden mockup photos, by the way, didn't get released for decades later due to secrecy. Why so much secrecy over a wooden model?

Avrocar, of course, was nothing but a joke. A PR effort to redirect public (and Soviet) attention away from advanced working designs. It's just a hovercraft and it is not the same design or engine used in Project Y.

Why discount that Arnold's sighting illustration and commentary is an identical match to Project Y? Why discount they were coming from Canadian airspace? Why discount that AVRO operated testing and storage facilities in SW Canada just over the border?

July 5, 2015 at 9:58 AM

Unknown said...

His description also fits the lifting body design that NASA developed to some degree. Surely no one would say he saw several of those, especially since it wasn't even powered. FYI Project Y seems to be AVRO's designation for several projects, not just the Spade as it was called. The Spade had a number of problems including heat that melted various parts and pilots visibility when trying to land. The heat problem seems to be real while the visibility problem may be theoretical since there's no record of one ever flying let alone trying to land. It appears that when the US Air Force took over the project it became Project Silver Bug, another failure for Frost inspired design.

Why discount all those things? Because no Frost design ever became a real production model. Why believe he had several working aircraft in 1947 when later he couldn't get any of his ideas to work as advertised? Essentially the Avrocar was a hovercraft, and a poor one at that.

To sum it up, to attribute the Arnold sighting to any Frost design appears to be a giant reach.

July 5, 2015 at 10:23 AM

Brian B said...

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July 5, 2015 at 1:01 PM

Brian B said...

@Neal Foy...

A "giant reach"....really? GIANT? If there are sighting and witness description attributes which are identical to known designs, even if not publically acknowledged, you prefer to disregard them as a "giant reach"?

- Shape identical
- Speed identical
- Direction of origin matching source
- Designer known to favor saucer shapes
- Secret project inexplicably canceled
- Data revealed decades later

Ah....that's not a "giant leap". It's a valid hypothesis with reasonable source indicators.

A giant leap would be to automatically declare the objects ET from outer space.

July 5, 2015 at 1:04 PM

Unknown said...

Brian,

- Shape close but not identical
- Theoretical Speed identical
- Direction of origin matching alleged source: As if aircraft never alter course. Boeing is nearby too and is has produced designs that actually work.
- Designer known to favor saucer shapes, that fail time after time.
- Secret project canceled because of problems that couldn't be overcome.
- Data revealed decades later: Just not true, the project was known about at least by the 1960's, the picture of the wooden prototype was found later.

Sorry Brian, time traveling designs work no better than time traveling dummies for explanations.

July 5, 2015 at 2:06 PM

CommanderCronus said...

If the exterior of an aircraft is highly reflective, does that result in a larger radar signature? Just wondering, because the descriptions of the saucers make me think of lighter-than-air craft, maybe experimental decoys of some kind. The Army utilized inflatable tank decoys during the D-day invasion, and I wonder if, in later years, the Air Force tried something similar.

July 5, 2015 at 3:35 PM

eBikesRC said...

Does this seem to be a joke? I think not. Is this how secret craft were sometimes labeled? This is very important to my understanding of the UFO wave in 1947. Did ANY UFO researcher ever attempt to follow-up on this? WHY not???????????? [See my post above for more details and a link.]

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July 5, 2015 at 4:35 PM
Don Maor said...
Lance:

"And I did say his first descriptions. The drawing came several weeks later apparently and, as we see, Arnold had quite an imagination as evidenced by his later description of another craft."

Well, if by "several weeks" you wanted to mean less than three weeks, then we are OK.

Notice also that implying that the imagination of Arnold acted to somehow distort what he really saw can be used also against the skeptic theories. One may propose that Arnold really saw a disc shape object, but that his "imagination" and his airplane background make him imagine that the object needed something like a tail-side, erasing from his memory the real shape, which had no tail absolutely, and obliging his mind to destroy the symmetry of a circular shape, and putting to it something vaguely resembling a tail side. Further months would have converted the almost-disc shape into something more airplane-like, a boomerang, flying wing, etc, etc, etc.

July 5, 2015 at 6:11 PM
cda said...
eBikesRC:

I submit that the two Houston discs were fictitious, phoney.

We are told that the inscription said to call some AAF place in Spokane. OK so why didn't the guy who found it (Hargrave) do just that, instead of telling his tale to the Houston Chronicle and letting them do it? Why also did not the AAF take steps to recover the 'disc'? By telling the newspaper Hargrave had already "revealed its whereabouts" so he ought to have been prosecuted, as the inscription says. Why wasn't he? And why on earth did the Spokane office (who demanded to be notified of its discovery) then refer the newspaper to another office? And when this Col Warren "went to investigate" what did he find? Any idea?

The whole tale is a yarn - it is as simple as that.

And I am still curious as to why these two tales appeared in the press on the same day as the Roswell 'disc' was first announced.

Was the press in those parts suffering from 'landed disc-omania' maybe?

July 6, 2015 at 6:10 AM
Unknown said...
cda

I'm going to agree with you there. I can't say I've ever seen a secret project but the inscription doesn't sound very military to me. Military inscriptions tend to be less wordy. It does seem odd that the guy who found it wasn't prosecuted. You have to wonder why the newspaper wasn't told to hold the story.

July 6, 2015 at 8:35 AM

Brian B said...

Well it appears that from 29 June 1947 there was almost one news article per day following Arnold's original report. Regarding the Houston article and Trinity Bay, this was reported in an Abilene paper.

On July 8, 1947 the Abilene Reporter News reported that the fragments of two purported "flying disks" were found, one disk found on a beach a Trinity Bay, near Houston and one found near Hillsboro.

Note it said "fragments" not complete saucers. The Hillsboro case left synthetic plastic debris.

That area has been known to have other sightings including one photographed in 1968. Decades later there was an object that crashed there. This was reported by the San Leon paper:

"Whatever it was that crashed to Earth in San Leon on September 24th, it has generated a lot of interest from the United States government and from private investigative groups. The known facts are that on the evening of September 24th, several witnesses saw a fiery object moving at a high rate of speed fall from the sky and land in a cow pasture at 18th Street and Broadway. This occurred just after 5:30 pm.

The object reportedly exploded in a fireball upon impact, setting the field afire. The first responders to arrive were the San Leon Volunteer Fire Department. They were reportedly unaware of what had started the blaze, but battled flames that threatened to get out of control in the dry gusty conditions on that date. The fire covered about 60 acres of pasture, and no buildings were destroyed. At first, Assistant Fire Chief Scott Lyons was very cooperative, telling us that the object might have been a meteorite, or part of a falling satellite. Since then, Lyons and other officials won't speak "on the record" about the incident, saying they cannot comment on cases that are still under investigation. They were unable to disclose exactly what is under investigation, or even whether there is any investigation regarding the incident. In the meanwhile, a team of scientists from the NASA Space Center visited the scene the morning after the fire, and closed the area off with yellow crime scene warning tape. They encamped at the spot for two days, and - judging from the mess they left behind - removed a large amount of dirt from the site. Unmarked helicopters, presumably military, have also been seen hovering above the site and flying around it on several occasions recently. A neighbor who asked not to be named, wrecker service owner Sam Adams, said that at one point a member of the NASA crew at the site asked him to bring a winch and assist in loading a truck with some debris from the site. Adams said he was not able to see what was loaded into the flatbed truck, as it was wrapped up and tied inside of a large tarpaulin. He said whatever it was weighed 600-800 pounds, and was approximately the size of a grand piano. The NASA crew at the site was wearing white-colored hazmat safety suits, but Adams said they appeared to be wearing US Air Force uniforms underneath. The one who requested Adams help had an eagle insignia, indicating the rank of Colonel. Eyewitness Jerry Long of San Leon, who saw the object fall and the subsequent explosion, then dialed 9-1-1. "I saw it fall out of the corner of my eye, I didn't really get a good look. But as I turned that way, it hit the ground and blew up like a huge bomb. The ground shook. The flames shot out in every directions for hundreds of feet. I fell down on the ground, I was so startled and shaken." Our attempts to get some comment from NASA was unsuccessful. We were referred to the Public Affairs Officer at the Johnson Space Center, Michael Kincaid, who said the only thing he had the authority to do would be to send us a brochure about the Space Center and Museum and tours. "Speaking off the record, and not for publication" Kincaid said, "I can tell you that the object seen by the witnesses in San Leon was most likely a reflection of swamp gases caused by decaying vegetation in the nearby bayou."

July 6, 2015 at 10:11 AM

Gilles Fernandez said...

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July 6, 2015 at 10:55 AM

Gilles Fernandez said...

Hello,

Ufology is strange -sic- (pseudo-scientific?) and have proposed "points" to defend itself regarding her desire to become "scientific", but not in accordance of the modern myth they have elaborated/constructed and Arnold "princeps case"...

You guys, when you construct "scale" concerning the validity of your "pseudo" UFO sighting insist about "Multiple witnesses" and ask "agnostic" to be cautious about/if "only one witness", but this case is becomed your golden one... Wow, guys!

Same, you insist about a sighting and when the narrative doesn't change with time, despite Kenneth Arnold, have changed by time (when he meet Ray Palmer)...

Please, try to have some semblance of logic... And maybe Sciences will be interested.

Regards,

Gilles Fernandez.

July 6, 2015 at 10:57 AM

eBikesRC said...

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Back in those days you did NOT have a phone-address book for Spokane in Houston, nor did a jeweler know of that military address/location and specific contact information for that base. No, that part is NOT a joke, nor is that part a hoax. And, the Chronicle did find that information worked to find someone at the other end of their phone calls interested including the Spokane military base with no comment.

It's quite typical in case after case that people are told to shut-up about it afterwards, so saying it was all a joke is an easy way out. But, the logic above confirms the previous sentence here, IMO.

I don't think "joking" or "hoaxing" would be anyone's MO back in that time frame. That kind of hoax game would be played later by fraud artists typically within an established UFO community. Those leaders or groups did not exist then.

What would be happening is people would be misidentifying objects in the sky, BUT NOT crashed objects on the ground, IMO. A witness may not know exactly what it is, but the witness can describe the object debris up-close with time to look at it and report it fairly accurately vs some object high in the sky thousands of feet or more away.

Anyway, no one seems to have followed-up on these reports. These named people probably did exist. Was this military "M4339658" ID system on the object used? It's wide-open to investigation, and it should have been done long ago.

July 6, 2015 at 5:04 PM

Unknown said...

I found this from the Oregon MUFON website, a compilation of stories published in Portland newspapers from two days to about two weeks after Arnold's sighting. This is a link to the first of three pages:

<http://www.oregonmufon.com/index.php/oregon-history/44-articles-from-portland-newspapers-1>

Certainly shows a lot of reports from across the country. On the top of page three is a landing story with possibly the first description of travel of the landing saucers (although described as more like washtubs) resembling "falling leaves". Something that was common in later reports.

At the bottom of page three one of the first self appointed debunkers. A lady who sold balloons at carnivals.

July 6, 2015 at 9:07 PM
albert said...

AVRO-type saucer-shaped aircraft were never shown to have been flown (unlike the flying wing types that actually did fly). While both were 'aerodynamic' shapes, neither could be controlled safely by human pilots. It would be decades before flight control computers would enable even un-aerodynamic ('flying rocks') aircraft like the F-117 to fly. The idea that the military had such craft (and supersonic at that) in the forties and fifties is ridiculous, if for no other reason than the known lack of flight control technology. FC computers are relatively sophisticated, even by today's standards.

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July 7, 2015 at 10:38 AM
Jeanne Ruppert said...
UFOs in the Arctic, 1971

<http://www.theblackvault.com/casefiles/arctic-ufo-photographs-uss-trepang-ssn-674-march-1971/#>

July 7, 2015 at 6:04 PM
Brian B said...
@Albert - you commented:

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You are basing that conclusion on what is in the public domain regarding military development of saucer shaped aircraft.

Do you believe that today, all secret military and defense projects are "reported" or publically made "known"? If not, why would you assume that in the late 1940's secret weapons research would be publically shared?

July 7, 2015 at 6:56 PM
albert said...
@Brian,

I DO believe that secret military technology is being developed continuously. I also said, "...known lack of flight control technology...". Saucer-shaped aircraft are extremely unstable. Either they had very sophisticated computers back then, or they had some otherworldly technology that accomplished the same thing. Saucer craft offered little improvement over existing aircraft designs. They would have (and still may have) value as decoys or disinformation devices. The public may fall for it, but the worlds militaries would know better. The world-wide IC community always knows more about us than we do.

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July 8, 2015 at 8:39 AM
Unknown said...
@ albert

Some people tried to say that the Arnold sighting was the Navy "Flying Flapjack". Trouble was there was only one of those and it was on the East Coast. To say that the sighting was of a Frost design makes no sense at all. For the reasons you mentioned and more, the Spade as it was called was a VTOL design that took off and landed vertically. Look at Space-X, they can't get their rocket to do that even with modern computers.

To assume that anyone could build nine of these things that could do what the objects in the Arnold sighting could do stretches the imagination. For one thing why would they waste the money building a wooden mock up when they already had nine that worked? Just as an aside, NASA wanted to build a wooden mock up of the External Tank for the Shuttle but it was too expensive. They ended up with a life size rendering on the wall of the assembly building.

Most people carry computers in their pockets that are more capable than the ones used for Apollo. How could they have had anything in 1947 that could provide stability to a saucer shaped craft? I'm addressing this to you because Brian doesn't want to listen, he wants to say that all sightings are secret projects. To me the numbers alone rule that out.

July 8, 2015 at 9:48 AM
albert said...
@Neal,

Although I believe _some_ sightings are military projects, and some may be very advanced technology.
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July 8, 2015 at 10:55 AM
Unknown said...
eBikesRC::

'This is WHY I know Roswell is part of some MILITARY UFO EARTH BASED secret program.'

Please site authenticated documentation provided by the U.S. government to back up these claims please.

"Military secret of the United States of America. Army Air Forces M4339658."

So we are to believe the government is going to put 'military secret' on their flying craft? I could see 'property', but not 'military secret'.

July 8, 2015 at 11:29 AM
Unknown said...
@albert,

I agree with that, some sightings may well be secret projects with advanced technology but not the Arnold sighting and so many other sightings around the world.

If you read the newspaper accounts Portland shortly after the Arnold sighting it does appear that there was some sort of saucer mania going on around the country. Some were just plain hoax reports. Even the balloon lady was probably right about some cases. It's difficult to say that all the sightings were false though.

July 8, 2015 at 11:30 AM
Unknown said...
oops, should have said accounts from Portland.

@ufodude2010

The jeweler admitted it was just a hoax. And the inscription does look like something a civilian would make up. You don't need to be a military expert to see that. Just look at the military section on e-bay. Here's what is printed on a box of canteen corks from WWII.

8465-377-6965
GASKET, CAP, WATER CANTEEN
100 EACH
A 3/64

As you can see nothing like what was reported on the hoax disc. The military rarely gets wordy, for instance on aircraft instead of saying "Do Not Step Here" it says simply "No Step"

July 8, 2015 at 12:04 PM
Brian B said...
@ Neal and Albert -

Yes, saucer shaped aircraft did often result in instability tests - but using conventional propulsion systems - and not always. The Spade used a then, unconventional power plant.

Mock ups are made for many reasons - typically just for show without any "guts" on the interior. And NASA did build mock ups of the fuel tank and shuttle. You can see them in Huntsville, AL.

What Arnold reported was something more like a jet aircraft, pulse engine, or ram jet. Their reported behavior, shape and flight pattern is not what is commonly reported with classic UFO sightings. There were no right angle 90 degree turns, they did not stop and then shoot upward and out of sight, they did not hover.

I might add that Tesla demonstrated electrogravitic levitation in the 1930's, followed by Biefeld-Brown.

A circular shape is the most practical design for a vehicle that doesn't need wings because it works on a different principle altogether.

July 8, 2015 at 1:35 PM
Unknown said...
@Brian

If you're talking about the Space Museum here's what the website says:

"Shuttle Park

Explore the most complete chronology of launch vehicles in the country, including the world's only fully-stacked Space Transportation System (STS) that includes two solid rocket boosters, genuine space shuttle main engine nozzles and a genuine external tank. This orbiter, Pathfinder, is on display in Shuttle Park and is flanked by a T-38, a twin-engine supersonic jet used in astronaut training."

So it's a real ET, not a mock up. I worked at NASA Michoud so I think I know more than you do about the tank. This was also where the first two stages of the Apollo rockets were built. We had a real Saturn V booster at the main gate. There were real engines stored in one of the bays at the assembly building.

The engineers who worked for AVRO reported the heat problems, I'm not making that up. Maybe metallurgy problems, I don't know, but what makes you think that they overcame those problems in 1947 when they couldn't do that later?

July 8, 2015 at 2:17 PM

Brian B said...
@ Neal

I wasn't suggesting you "made-up" the heat issue. It would be a problem given the supposed speeds the Spade was to achieve...unless components of the aircraft used Titanium.

Public records indicate Kroll, a German immigrant, formulated the extrusion process in the late 1930's...but he was ignored by US aircraft designers during WW2.....until about 1946-47. What if they had actually applied Titanium to some designs in 1946 a bit earlier than publicly reported?

For example, the F-86 was operational in 1948. Design for it started in 1944, but was delayed as engineers tried to incorporate technology from German aircraft designers. It is one of the first planes to be built with significant amounts of Titanium. The metal was used on the airframe and engine.

I will agree that the 1947 sightings do defy what we publicly know about materials application in postwar aircraft giving the impression that no human manufacturing process in the 1940s could have produced operational craft in the supposed varieties and number seen by saucer witnesses.

But perhaps we have not been made privy to all the postwar projects flowing from early Cold War era competition and Nazi prototypes.

July 8, 2015 at 6:24 PM
eBikesRC said...

N.F. wrote: "As you can see nothing like what was reported on the hoax disc. The military rarely gets wordy, for instance on aircraft instead of saying "Do Not Step Here" it says simply "No Step"

You're NOT taking into account that your example is really not a fair comparison, imo, because yours is simply a military part numbering or catalog system, and that has NOTHING to do with a top secret UFO that might crash and be found. Of course, the labeling will be more informative and detailed and wordy enough to help some person of any age or gender understand this is a serious matter and how to contact the authorities. Also, we are already getting a 2nd hand or 3rd hand account, since this is an AP report that may have modified the original article. We do not know if they paraphrased this, but I did NOT see quotation marks either to indicate a precise quote either.

So, this tells me serious research needs to be done about this, yet no one has done it that I'm aware of. Kevin Randle certainly knows how to follow-up on these matters, imo.

July 10, 2015 at 5:44 AM
rgh-ufos said...

Nicolas Roerich had a sighting in the 1926 described as a silver metallic disc. There is some old photos of pre 1947 saucer shaped (hard to tell) objects one from China 1942 and one from the UK in 1944. I tried to research these more but couldn't find anything apart from copy paste info. I am not sure if you mean the term saucer or a description of a saucer

August 28, 2019 at 12:41 PM
Kimmie Baker said...

This was a good read and very informative. Thank you<3

September 2, 2024 at 11:03 AM
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There was the case of Mrs. Guppy, June 3, 1871, for instance. As the spiritualists tell it, she shot from her home, in London. Several miles away, she flopped down through a ceiling. Mrs. Guppy weighed 200 pounds. But Mrs. Guppy was a medium. She was a prominent medium, and was well-investigated, and was, or therefore was, caught playing tricks, several times. I prefer to look elsewhere for yarns, or veritable accounts.

In the New York World, March 25, 1883, is told a story of a girl, the daughter of Jesse Miller, of Greenville Township, Somerset Co., Pa., who was transported several times, out of the house, into the front yard. But it was her belief that apparitions were around, and most of our data are not concerned with ghostly appearances.

As told in the Cambrian Daily Leader (Swansea, Wales), July 7, 1887, poltergeist phenomena were occurring in the home of the Rev. David Phillips, of Swansea. Sometime I am going to try to find out why so many of these disturbances have

occurred in the homes of clergymen. Why have so many supposed spirits of the departed tormented clergymen? Perhaps going to heaven makes people atheists. However, I do not know that poltergeists can be considered spirits. It may be that many of our records—see phenomena

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of the winter of 1904-5—relate not to occult beings, as independent creatures, but to projected mentalities of living human beings. A woman of Mr. Phillips' household had been transported over a wall, and toward a brook, where she arrived in a "semiconscious condition." I note that, not in agreement with our notions upon teleportation, it was this woman's belief that an apparition had carried her. Mr. Phillips and his son, a Cambridge graduate, who had probably been brought up to believe in nothing of the kind, asserted that this transportation had occurred.

A great deal has been written upon the phenomena, or the alleged phenomena, of the Pansini boys. Their story is told in the Occult Review, 4-17. These boys, one aged seven, and the other aged eight, were sons of Mauro Pansini, an architect, of Bari, Italy. Their experiences, or their alleged experiences, began in the year 1901. "One day Alfredo and his brother were at Ruvo, at 9 A.M., and at 9:30 A.M., they were found in the Capuchin Convent, at Malfatti, thirty miles away." In the Annals of Psychic Science, it is said that, about the last of January, 1901, the Pansini boys were transported from Ruvo to a relative's house, in Trani, arriving in a state of profound hypnosis. In volumes 2 and 3, of the Annals, a discussion of these boys continues.

But I haven't told the damndest. Oh, well, we'll have the damndest. A Mediterranean harbor—a man in a boat—and, like Mrs. Guppy, down the Pansini boys flop into his boat.

Into many minds flops this idea—"It isn't so much the preposterousness of this story alone: but, if we'd accept this, what else that would threaten all conventional teachings, would we be led into?"

I can't help arguing. I have cut down smoking some, and our home brew goes flat so often that at times I have gone without much of that, but I can't stop arguing. It has no meaning, but I argue that much that is commonplace today was once upon a time denounced from pulpits as the way to hell. For all I know, a couple of kids flopped into a boat. I don't feel hellish about it. The one thought that I do so little to develop is that if there be something that did switch the Pansini boys from place to place, it may be put to work, and instead of wharves and railroad stations, there may be built departing and receiving points for commodities, which may

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be "wished," as it were, from California to London. Let stockholders of transportation companies get ahold of this idea, and, if I'm not satisfied with having merely science and religion against me, I'll have opposition enough to suit anybody who can get along without popularity. Just at present, however, I am not selling short on New York Central.

Has anybody, walking along a street, casually looking at someone ahead of him, ever seen a human being vanish? It is a common experience to think that one has seen something like this occur. Another common experience, which has been theorized upon by James and other psychologists, is to be somewhere and have an uncanny feeling that, though so far as one knows, one was never there before, one, nevertheless, was at some time there. It may be that many persons have been teleported back and forth, without knowing it, or without having more than the dimmest impression of the experience.

But about walking along a street, and having a feeling that somebody has vanished—there have been definitely reported observations upon disappearances.

In these instances, the explanation has been that someone had seen a ghost, and that the ghost had vanished. We shall have accounts that look as if observers have seen, not ghosts, but beings like themselves, vanish.

In the Jour. Soc. Psychical Research, 11-189, is published a story by a painter, named John Osborne, living at 5 Hurst Street, Oxford, England. He said that, about the last of March, 1895, he was walking along a road to Wolverton, when he heard sounds of a horse's hoofs behind him, and, turning, saw a man on horseback, having difficulty in controlling his horse. He scurried out of the way, and, when safe, looked again. Horse and man had vanished. Then came the conventionalization, even though it would be widely regarded as an unorthodox conventionalization. It was said that, the week before, a man on horseback had been killed in this part of the road, and that the horse, badly injured, had been shot. Usually there is no use searching for anything further in a publication in which a conventionalization has appeared, but this instance is an exception. In the June number of the Journal, there is a correction: it is said that the accident with which this disappearance had been associated,

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had not occurred a week before, but years before, and was altogether different, having been an accident to a farmer in a hayfield. Several persons investigated, among them a magistrate, who wrote that he was convinced at least that Osborne thought that he had seen the "figures" disappear.

Well, then, why didn't I get a Wolverton newspaper, and even though it would be called "a mere coincidence" find noted the disappearance of somebody who had been last seen on horseback? I forget now why I did not, but I think it was because no Wolverton newspaper was obtainable. I haven't the item, but with all our experience with explanations, I should have the knack, myself, by this time. I think of a man on horseback, who was suddenly transported, but only a few miles. If, when he got back, he was a wise man on horseback, he got off the back of his horse and said nothing about this. Our general notion is that he would have been unconscious of the experience. Perhaps, if Osborne had lingered, he would have seen this man and his horse re-appear.

In the Jour. S. P. R., 4-50, is a story of a young woman, who was more than casually looked at, near the foot of Milton Hill, Massachusetts. She vanished. She was seen several times. So this is a story of a place that was "haunted," and the "figure" was supposed to be a ghost. For a wonder there was no story of a murder that was committed, years before, near this hill. For all I know, some young woman, living in Boston, New York, some distant place, may have had teleportative affinity with an appearing-point, or terminal of an occult current, at this hill, having been translated back and forth several times, without knowing it, or without being able to remember, or remembering dimly, thinking that it was a dream. Perhaps, sometime happening to pass this hill, by more commonplace means of transportation, she would have a sense of uncanny familiarity, but would be unable to explain, having no active consciousness of having ever been there before. Psychologists have noted the phenomenon of a repeating scene in different dreams, or supposed dreams. The phenomenon may not be of fancifulness, but of dim impressions of teleportations to one persisting appearing-point. A naïve, little idea of mine is that so many ghosts in white garments have been reported,

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because persons, while asleep, have been teleported in their nightclothes.

In Real Ghost Stories, published by the Review of Reviews (English), a correspondent tells of having seen a woman in a field, vanish. Like others who have had this experience, he does not say that he saw a woman vanish, but that he saw "a figure of a woman" vanish. He inquired for some occurrence by which to explain, and learned that somewhere in the neighborhood a woman had been murdered, and that her "figure" had haunted the place. In the Proc. S. P. R.,

10-98, someone tells of having walked, with her father, upon a sandy place, near Aldershot, hearing footsteps, turning, seeing a soldier. The footsteps suddenly ceased to be heard. She turned again to look. The soldier had vanished. This correspondent writes that her father never would believe anything except that it was "a real soldier, who somehow got away." In the *Occult Review*, 23-168, a correspondent writes that, while walking in a street in Twickenham, he saw, walking toward him, "a figure of a man." The "figure" turned and vanished, or "disappeared through a garden wall." This correspondent failed to learn of a murder that had been committed in the neighborhood, but, influenced by the familiar convention, mentions that there was an old dueling ground nearby.

The most circumstantial of the stories appears in the *Jour. S. P. R.*, November, 1893. Miss M. Scott writes that, upon the afternoon of the 7th of May, 1893, between five and six o'clock, she was walking upon a road, near St. Boswells (Roxburghshire) when she saw ahead of her a tall man, who, dressed in black, looked like a clergyman. There is no assertion that this "figure" looked ghostly, and there is a little circumstance that indicates that the "figure," or the living being, was looked at more than casually. Having considerable distance to go, Miss Scott started to run: but it occurred to her that it would not be dignified to run past this stranger: so she stood still, to let the distance increase. She saw the clerical-looking man turn a corner of the road, the upper part of his body visible above a low hedge—"he was gone in an instant." Not far beyond this vanishing point, Miss Scott met her sister, who was standing in the road, looking about her in bewilderment, exclaiming that she had seen a man disappear, while she was looking at him.

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One of our present thoughts is that teleportations, back and forth, often occur. There are many records, some of which may not be yarns, or may not be altogether yarns, of persons who have been seen far from where, so far as those persons, themselves, knew, they were, at the time. See instances in Gurney's *Phantasms of the Living*. The idea is that human beings have been switched away somewhere, and soon switched back, and have been seen, away somewhere, and have been explained to the perceivers, as their own hallucinations.

It may be that I can record a case of a man who was about to disappear, but was dragged back, in time, from a disappearing point. I think of the children of Clavaux, who were about to be taken into a vortex, but were dragged back by their parents, who were not susceptible. Data look as if there may have been a transporting current through so-called solid substance, which "opened" and then "closed," with no sign of a yawning. It may be that what we call substance is as much open as closed. I accept, myself, that there is only relative substance, so far as the phenomenal is concerned: so I can't take much interest in what the physicists are doing, trying to find out what mere phenomenal substance really, or finally, is. It isn't, or it is intermediate to existence and nonexistence. If there is an organic existence that is more than relative, though not absolute, it may be The Substantial, but its iron and lead, and gold are only phenomenal. The greatest seeming security is only a temporary disguise of the abysmal. All of us are skating over thin existence.

Early in the morning of Dec. 9, 1873, Thomas B. Cumpston and his wife, "who occupied good positions in Leeds," were arrested in a railroad station, in Bristol, England, charged with disorderly conduct, both of them in their nightclothes, Cumpston having fired a pistol. See the *London Times*, Dec. 11, 1873. Cumpston excitedly told that he and his wife had arrived the day before, from Leeds, and had taken a room in a Bristol hotel, and that, early in the morning, the floor had "opened," and that, as he was about to be dragged into the "opening," his wife had saved him, both of them so terrified that they had jumped out the window, running to the railroad station, looking for a policeman. In the *Bristol Daily Post*,

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[paragraph continues]December 10, is an account of proceedings in the police court. Cumpston's excitement was still so intense that he could not clearly express himself. Mrs. Cumpston testified that, early in the evening, both of them had been alarmed by loud sounds, but that they had been reassured by the landlady. At three or four in the morning the sounds were heard again. They jumped out on the floor, which was felt giving away under them. Voices repeating their exclamations were heard, or their own voices echoed strangely. Then, according to what she saw, or thought she saw, the floor opened wide. Her husband was falling into this "opening" when she dragged him back.

The landlady was called, and she testified that sounds had been heard, but she was unable clearly to describe them. Policemen said that they had gone to the place, the Victoria Hotel, and had examined the room, finding nothing to justify the extraordinary conduct of the Cumpstons. They suggested that the matter was a case of collective hallucination. I note that there was no suggestion of intoxication. The Cumpstons, an elderly couple, were discharged in the custody of somebody who had come from Leeds.

Collective hallucination is another of the dismissal-labels by which conventionalists shirk thinking. Here is another illustration of the lack of standards, in phenomenal existence, by which to judge anything. One man's story, if not to the liking of conventionalists, is not accepted, because it is not supported: and then testimony by more than one is not accepted, if undesirable, because that is collective hallucination. In this kind of jurisprudence, there is no hope for any kind of testimony against the beliefs in which conventional scientists agree. Among their amusing disregards is that of overlooking that, quite as truly may their own agreements be collective delusions.

The loud sounds in the Cumpston case suggest something of correlation with poltergeist phenomena. Spiritualists have persistently called poltergeist-sounds "raps." Sometimes they are raps, but often they are detonations that shake buildings. People up and down a street have been kept awake by them. Maybe existences open and shut noisily. From my own experience I don't know that there ever

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has been a poltergeist. At least, I have had only one experience, and that is explainable several ways. But what would be the use of writing a book about things that we think we're sure of?—unless, like a good deal in this book, to show the dooce we are.

In the Sunday Express, (London), Dec. 5, 1926, Lieut.-Colonel Foley tells of an occurrence that resembles the Cumpstons' experience. A room in Corpus Christi College (Cambridge University) was, in October; 1904, said to be haunted. Four students, of whom Shane Leslie, the writer, was one, investigated. Largely the story is of an invisible, but tangible, thing, or being, which sometimes became dimly visible, inhabiting, or visiting, this room. The four students went into the room, and one of them was dragged away from the others. His companions grabbed him. "Like some powerful magnet" something was drawing him out of their grasp. They pulled against it, and fought in a frenzy, and they won the tug. Other students, outside the room, were shouting. Undergraduates came running down the stairs, and, crowding into the room, wrecked it, even tearing out the oak paneling. Appended to the story, in the Sunday Express, is a statement by Mr. Leslie—"Colonel Foley has given an accurate account of the occurrence."

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The following UFO photos are from the archives of Lt. Col. Wendelle C. Stevens, and the accompanying details have been reproduced as close to the original sighting report as possible.

19 April 1978, Colfax, Wisconsin

On Wednesday 19 April 1978, Mr. S. (name withheld (sic) by specific request) and his girlfriend were driving in the vicinity of Tainter Lake, when they decided to stop and attempt some fishing since most of the ice was already thawed.

They found a spot along the shore where they could do some casting. Mr. S. had also brought along an FM portable radio. They had been at this spot for about a half an hour when the radio began picking up interference. It was then that Mr. S. looked up into the sky, thinking an airplane must be going over-head.

At that point the object "appeared" out of the southwest, moving northeast. He and his girlfriend became very excited and frightened. Remembering that they had a camera with them, (an Instamatic) Mr. S. went and got it to take some pictures. He almost dropped it several times trying to get it out of the case. He finally got it out and started to point it at the object when the object suddenly veered off course in their direction and came towards them. They became even more frightened but Mr. S. was determined to get a photograph of the thing!

At that point, the object began to circle them at a high altitude as Mr. S. began taking pictures. The object flew around the area only once and then disappeared into the sunlight. The whole incident lasted about 3 or 4 minutes.

Mr. S. was hesitant about showing anyone the photos because he was afraid of people thinking the wrong thing. He finally sent a UFO lecturer a copy after attending one of his slide lectures on the UFO subject.

Mr. S. was unable to determine the size of the object for lack of reference, or how fast it was moving. He did say, however, that it gave off a "crackling sound" as it passed around them.

From personal letter:

Photo #1: Shows the object moments after it veered off its original course. Mr. S. said it slowed down considerably after he took the first picture. He said he had "the feeling it knew it was being photographed".

Colfax UFO Photo #1 (credit: UFO Photo Archive)

UFO Photo Colfax, WI (credit: UFO Photo Archives)

Photo #2: The object is moving slower now as it begins to make its pass. At this point Mr. S. and girlfriend grew apprehensive. Both experienced extreme fear.

Colfax UFO Photo #2 (credit: UFO Photo Archive)

Colfax UFO Photo #2 (credit: UFO Photo Archive)

Photo #3: The object tilts as it begins a "roller coaster" type descent. Mr. S. and friend become increasingly frightened. He has the feeling it is going to "get them".

Colfax UFO Photo #3 (credit: UFO Photo Archive)

Colfax UFO Photo #3 (credit: UFO Photo Archive)

Photo #4: The object has leveled off and is just above the treetop height. It begins moving toward Mr. S. at a slow gliding pace. No sound comes from the object but Mr. S. remembers he left his transistor radio on and it is "buzzing" and "crackling like crazy".

Colfax UFO Photo #4 (credit: UFO Photo Archive)

Colfax UFO Photo #4 (credit: UFO Photo Archive)

Photo #5: Mr. S. turns his camera sideways to get this shot of the object as it passes almost directly overhead. At this point Mr. S. experienced a sensation of "heat" as well as "prickling sensation" around and "in" his head and eyes, however Mr. S. stated that he experienced no permanent or temporary after-effects except a bad case of the "jitters". This shot was taken while Mr. S. was in a crouched position and remembers falling over on his back afterwards. He said he noticed an "amber or orange-red light" underneath in addition to several small lights which would blink on and off erratically for different lengths of time. (See Photograph) He also noticed 4 "pods" or "landing gear". The bottom appeared to be a "dull" black. The shock of falling backwards prevented him from taking any more pictures of the object as it continued overhead.

Colfax UFO Photo #5 (credit: UFO Photo Archive)

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Photo #6: The object has now climbed back up into the sky as Mr. S. shoots this picture.

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Photo #7: Shows the object heading into the sun. At this point it began to pick up speed and soon was lost in the sunlight. Mr. S. took 9 pictures in all, only these 7 turned out.

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Wendelle Stevens

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On June 26, 1947, the Chicago Sun coverage of the story may have been the first use ever of the term "flying saucer".
On June 24, 1947, private pilot Kenneth Arnold saw what he described as a string of nine shiny unidentified flying objects flying past Mount Rainier at speeds that he estimated to be at least 1,200 miles per hour (1,900 km/h).

This was the first post-World War II sighting in the United States that garnered nationwide news coverage and is credited with being the first of the modern era of UFO sightings, including numerous reported sightings over the next two to three weeks. Arnold's description of the objects also led to the press quickly coining the terms flying saucer and flying disc as popular descriptive terms for UFOs.

Sighting

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Locations of Arnold's plane and the sighted objects

The objects arrived from the direction of Mount Baker, then passed in front of Mount Rainier and Mount Adams in the space of 1 min. 42 s. The 47 miles (76 km) distance, if measured peak to peak, suggests a speed of 1,660 mph (2,670 km/h), similar to Arnold's estimate of 1,700 mph (2,700 km/h), which far exceeds that

of the record-holding P-80 jets of the time.

On June 24, 1947, Arnold was flying from Chehalis, Washington, to Yakima, Washington, in a CallAir A-2 on a business trip. He made a brief detour after learning of a \$5,000 reward (equivalent to \$70,000 today) for the discovery of a U.S. Marine Corps C-46 transport airplane that had crashed near Mount Rainier. [1] The skies were completely clear and there was a mild wind.[2]

A few minutes before 3:00 p.m. (15:00) at about 9,200 feet (2,800 m) in altitude and near Mineral, Washington, Arnold had given up his search for the downed airplane and began heading eastward towards Yakima, when he noticed a bright flashing light, similar to sunlight reflecting from a mirror. Worried that he might be dangerously close to another aircraft, Arnold scanned the skies around him but all he could detect was a DC-4 to his left and behind him, about 15 miles (24 km) away, with the assistance of ground radar.[2]

About 30 seconds after seeing the first flash of light, Arnold saw a series of bright flashes in the distance off to his left, or north of Mount Rainier, which was then around 20 to 25 miles (32 to 40 km) away. He thought the reflections might be sunlight on his airplane's windows, but a few quick tests (rocking his airplane from side to side, removing his eyeglasses, later rolling down his side window) ruled this out. The reflections came from nine objects, flying in a long chain. For a moment, Arnold thought that they might be a flock of geese, but quickly ruled this out for a number of reasons, including the altitude, bright glint, and obviously very fast speed. He then thought they might be a new type of jet and started looking intently for wings and other appendages, but was surprised to not see any.[1]

The objects quickly approached Mount Rainier and then passed in front of it, usually appearing darker in profile against the bright white snowfield covering the peak, but occasionally still giving off bright light flashes as they flipped around erratically. Arnold reported at times the objects appeared so thin and flat, they were practically invisible. According to Jerome Clark,[3][4] Arnold described them as a series of objects with convex shapes, though he later revealed that one of the objects differed from the other eight by being crescent-shaped. Several years later, Arnold would state he likened their movement to saucers skipping on water, without comparing their actual shapes to saucers,[5] but initial quotes from him do indeed have him comparing their shape to a "saucer", "disc", "pie pan", or "half moon", or generally convex and thin. [2]

Using a Dzus cowling fastener as a gauge to compare the nine objects to the distant DC-4, Arnold estimated their angular size as slightly smaller than the DC-4, about the width between the outer engines (about 60 ft (18 m)). Arnold also said he realized that the objects would have to be quite large to see any details at that distance and later, after comparing notes with a United Airlines crew that had a similar sighting 10 days later (see below), placed the absolute size as larger than a DC-4 airliner (or greater than 100 feet (30 m) in length). Army Air Force analysts would later estimate 140 to 280 feet (85 m), based on analysis of human visual acuity and other sighting details (such as estimated distance).[6]

Arnold said the objects were grouped together, as Ted Bloecher[7] writes, "in a diagonally stepped-down, echelon formation, stretched out over a distance that he later calculated to be five miles". Though they were moving on a more or less level horizontal plane, Arnold said the objects weaved from side to side ("like the tail of a Chinese kite" as he later stated), darting through the valleys and around the smaller mountain peaks. They would occasionally flip or bank on their edges in unison as they turned or maneuvered causing almost blindingly bright or mirror-like flashes of light. The encounter gave him an "eerie feeling", but Arnold suspected he had seen test flights of a new U.S. military aircraft.[2]

As the objects passed Mount Rainier, Arnold turned his plane southward on a more or less parallel course. It was at this point that he opened his side window and began observing the objects unobstructed by any glass that might have produced

reflections. According to Arnold, the objects did not disappear and continued to move very rapidly southward, continuously moving forward of his position. Curious about their speed, he began to time their rate of passage: he said they moved from Mount Rainier to Mount Adams where they faded from view, a distance of around 50 miles (80 km), in one minute and forty-two seconds, according to the clock on his instrument panel. When he later had time to do the calculation, the speed was over 1,700 miles per hour (2,700 km/h). This was about three times faster than any manned aircraft in 1947. Not knowing exactly the distance where the objects faded from view, Arnold conservatively and arbitrarily rounded this down to 1,200 miles (1,900 km) an hour, still faster than any known aircraft, which had yet to break the sound barrier.

Arnold shares the story

After landing in Yakima, Arnold described what he had seen to a number of pilot friends, who suggested that maybe he had seen guided missiles or a new airplane being secretly developed by the United States Army.[8] Arnold refueled his airplane and continued on his way to an air show in Pendleton, Oregon.[2] He was first interviewed by reporters the next day (June 25), when he went to the office of the East Oregonian in Pendleton.[9] Reporters assessed Arnold as highly-credible when they interviewed him at length;[10] as historian Mike Dash wrote:[11]

Arnold had the makings of a reliable witness. He was a respected businessman and experienced pilot ... and seemed to be neither exaggerating what he had seen, nor adding sensational details to his report. He also gave the impression of being a careful observer ... These details impressed the newspapermen who interviewed him and lent credibility to his report.

Speaking to a reporter for the Associated Press, Arnold told him: "This whole thing has gotten out of hand. I want to talk to the FBI or someone. Half the people look at me as a combination of Einstein, Flash Gordon and screwball. I wonder what my wife back in Idaho thinks." [12]

Corroboration

Eight objects similar to those reported by Arnold photographed over Tulsa, Oklahoma, July 12, 1947 (from Tulsa Daily World)

On July 4, 1947, the Oregon Journal in Portland, Oregon reported receiving a letter from an L. G. Bernier of Richland, Washington (about 110 miles (180 km) east of Mount Adams and 140 miles (230 km) southeast of Mount Rainier). Bernier wrote that he saw three of the strange objects over Richland flying "almost edgewise" toward Mount Rainier about one half-hour before Arnold. Bernier thought the three were part of a larger formation. He indicated they were traveling at high speed: "I have seen a P-38 appear seemingly on one horizon and then gone to the opposite horizon in no time at all, but these disks certainly were traveling faster than any P-38. [Maximum speed of a P-38 was about 440 miles an hour.] No doubt Mr. Arnold saw them just a few minutes or seconds later, according to their speed." [13] The previous day, Bernier had also spoken to his local newspaper, the Richland Washington Villager, and was among the first witnesses to suggest extraterrestrial origins: "I believe it may be a visitor from another planet." [14]

About 60 miles (97 km) west-northwest of Richland in Yakima, Washington, a woman named Ethel Wheelhouse likewise reported sighting several flying discs moving at fantastic speeds at around the same time as Arnold's sighting. [15]

When military intelligence began investigating Arnold's sighting in early July (see below), they found yet another witness from the area. A member of the Washington State forest service, who had been on fire watch at a tower in Diamond Gap, about 20 miles (32 km) south of Yakima, reported seeing "flashes" at 3:00 p.m. on the 24th over Mount Rainier (or exactly the same time as Arnold's sighting), that appeared to move in a straight line. Similarly, at 3:00 p.m. Sidney B. Gallagher in Washington state (exact position unspecified) reported seeing nine shiny discs flash by to the north. [16]

Other Seattle area newspapers also reported other sightings of flashing, rapidly moving unknown objects on the same day, but not the same time, as Arnold's sighting. Most of these sightings were over Seattle or west of Seattle in the town of Bremerton, either that morning or at night.[17]

The primary corroborative sighting, however, occurred ten days later (July 4) when a United Airlines crew over Idaho en route to Seattle also spotted five to nine disk-like objects that paced their plane for 10 to 15 minutes before suddenly disappearing.[18]

Arnold talks of possible non-earthly origins

On July 7, 1947, two stories came out where Arnold raised the topic of possible extraterrestrial origins, both as his opinion and those who had written to him. In an Associated Press story, Arnold said he had received quantities of fan mail eager to help solve the mystery, none of it calling him a "screwball". Many of the writers, like a doomsday preacher Arnold spoke of, placed a religious interpretation on his sighting. But others, he said, "suggested the discs were visitations from another planet." Arnold added he had purchased a movie camera, which he would now take with him on every flight, hoping to obtain photographic proof of what he had seen.[19]

In the other story, Arnold was interviewed by the Chicago Times:[20]

... Kenneth Luis Arnold ... is not so certain that the strange contraptions are made on this planet. Arnold ... said he hoped the devices were really the work of the U.S. Army. But he told the TIMES in a phone conversation: 'If our government knows anything about these devices, the people should be told at once. A lot of people out here are very much disturbed. Some think these things may be from another planet. But they aren't harming anyone and I think it would be the wrong thing to shoot one of them down—even if can be done. Their high speed would completely wreck them ...

Arnold, in pointing to the possibility of these discs being from another world, said, regardless of their origin, they apparently were traveling to some reachable destination. Whoever controlled them, he said, obviously wasn't trying to hurt anyone ... He said discs were making turns so abruptly in rounding peaks that it would have been impossible for human pilots inside to have survived the pressure. So, he too thinks they are controlled from elsewhere, regardless of whether it's from Mars, Venus, or our own planet.

In an Associated Press story from July 19, Arnold reiterated his belief that if they weren't Army, then they were extraterrestrial:[21]

The ex-University of Minnesota swimmer and footballer says he now believes:

The disks are not from any foreign country.

The Army could give the answer if it would - "if they don't have the explanation now they certainly could do something to find out."

If the Army has no explanation the disks must be - "and I know this sounds crazy" - from another planet.

In April 1949, in a skeptical article in the Saturday Evening Post titled "What You Can Believe About Flying Saucers", Arnold was likewise quoted:[22]

Since my first observations and report of the so-called "flying disks" I have spent a great deal of money and time thoroughly investigating the subject ... There is no doubt in my mind but what these objects are aircraft of a strange design, and material that is unknown to the civilization of this earth.

In 1950, broadcaster Edward R. Murrow interviewed Arnold, who stated that since June 1947 he had had three additional sightings of nine spacecraft.[2]

Publicity and origins of term "flying saucer"

Arnold's account was first featured in a few late newspaper editions on June 25,

appeared in numerous U.S. and Canadian papers (and some foreign newspapers) on June 26 and thereafter, often on the front page. Without exception, according to Bloecher, the Arnold story was initially related with a serious, even-handed tone. The first reporters to interview Arnold were Nolan Skiff and Bill Bequette of the East Oregonian in Pendleton, Oregon on June 25, and the first story on the Arnold sighting, written by Bequette, appeared in the newspaper the same day.[23][24]

The term appears

Starting June 26 and June 27, newspapers first began using the terms "flying saucer" and "flying disk" (or "disc") to describe the sighted objects. Thus the Arnold sighting is credited with giving rise to these popular terms. The actual origin of the terms is somewhat complicated. Jerome Clark cites a 1970 study by Herbert Strentz, who reviewed U.S. newspaper accounts of the Arnold UFO sighting, and concluded that the term was probably due to an editor or headline writer: the body of the early Arnold news stories did not use the term "flying saucer" or "flying disc." [25] However, some earlier stories did in fact credit Arnold with using terms such as "saucer", "disk", and "pie-pan" in describing the shape. (see quotations further below)

Bequette interview

Years later, Arnold claimed he told Bill Bequette that "they flew erratic, like a saucer if you skip it across the water." Arnold felt that he had been misquoted since the description referred to the objects' motion rather than their shape.[5] Thus Bequette has often been credited with first using "flying saucer" and supposedly misquoting Arnold, but the term does not appear in Bequette's early articles. Instead, his first article of June 25 says only, "He said he sighted nine saucer-like aircraft flying in formation..."[26]

The next day in a much more detailed article, Bequette wrote, "He clung to his story of shiny, flat objects racing over the Cascade mountains with a peculiar weaving motion 'like the tail of a Chinese kite.' ...He also described the objects as 'saucer-like' and their motion 'like fish flipping in the sun.' ... [Arnold] described the objects as 'flat like a pie-pan and somewhat bat-shaped'." [27] It wasn't until June 28 that Bequette first used the term "flying disc" (but not "flying saucer").

A review of early newspaper stories indicates that immediately after his sighting, Arnold generally described the objects' shape as thin and flat, rounded in the front but chopped in the back and coming to a point, i.e., more or less saucer- or disk-like. He also specifically used terms like "saucer" or "saucer-like", "disk", and "pie pan" or "pie plate" in describing the shape. The motion he generally described as weaving like the tail of a kite and erratic flipping.

For example, in a surviving recorded radio interview from June 26, 1947, made by reporter Ted Smith, United Press correspondent in Pendleton, and aired on KWRC, the local radio station of Pendleton, [28] Arnold described them as looking "something like a pie plate that was cut in half with a sort of a convex triangle in the rear." His motion descriptions were: "I noticed to the left of me a chain which looked to me like the tail of a Chinese kite, kind of weaving... they seemed to flip and flash in the sun, just like a mirror... they seemed to kind of weave in and out right above the mountaintops..."

Military investigation of Arnold story

Kenneth Arnold's report to Army Air Forces (AAF) intelligence, dated July 12, 1947, which includes annotated sketches of the typical craft in the chain of nine objects

The first investigation of Arnold's claims came from Lt. Frank Brown and Capt. William Davidson of Hamilton Field in California, who interviewed Arnold on July 12. Arnold also submitted a written report at that time. Regarding the reliability of Arnold's sighting, they concluded:[29]

It is the present opinion of the interviewer that Mr. Arnold actually saw what he stated he saw. It is difficult to believe that a man of [his] character and apparent integrity would state that he saw objects and write up a report to the extent that he did if he did not see them.

Others were less impressed. First Lt. Hal L. Eustace of the Army Air Corps, in a declassified July 1947 intelligence report, said that Arnold "seems to be reasonably well balanced, although excitable", describing Arnold's report as a case of "silly season episodes".[1]

The Army Air Force's formal public conclusion was that "the objects of this sighting were due to a mirage." [1]

On July 9, AAF intelligence, with help from the FBI, secretly began an investigation of the best sightings, mostly from pilots and military personnel[citation needed]. Arnold's sighting, as well as that of the United Airline's crew, were included in the list of best sightings. Three weeks later they came to the conclusion that the saucer reports were not imaginary or adequately explained by natural phenomena; something real was flying around. [citation needed] This laid the groundwork for another intelligence estimate in September 1947 by Gen. Nathan Twining, commanding officer of the Air Materiel Command, which likewise concluded the saucers were real and urged a formal investigation by multiple government agencies. This in turn resulted in the formation of Project Sign at the end of 1947, the first publicly acknowledged USAF UFO investigation. Project Sign eventually evolved into Project Grudge, and then the better known Project Blue Book.

The personnel of the U.S. Air Force's Project Sign (1947-1949) also later studied Arnold's story. According to Major Edward J. Ruppelt,[30]

I found that there was a lot of speculation on this report [amongst Sign personnel]. Two factions ... joined up behind two lines of reasoning. One side said that Arnold had seen plain, everyday jet airplanes flying in formation ... The other side didn't buy this idea at all. They based their argument on the fact that Arnold knew where the objects were when he timed them ...

There was an old theory that maybe Arnold had seen wind whipping snow along the mountain ridges, so I asked Air Force investigators about this. I got a flat "Impossible."

Widespread UFO reports after Arnold sighting

Main article: 1947 flying disc craze

In the weeks that followed Arnold's June 1947 story, at least several hundred reports of similar sightings flooded in from the U.S. and around the world—most of which described saucer-shaped objects.[31]

Skeptical explanations

In an article published in The Minneapolis Star two days after the sighting, officials at McChord Army Air Field, about 75 air miles from the mid-point of the peaks of Mount Rainier and Mount Adams, "theorized that the only planes coming near the description are the fast P-80s." [32] The officials at McChord added that March Field, California was the closest airfield with P-80s based on it. March Field was about 600 air miles (about an hour's journey in a P-80) from the midpoint of the peaks of Mount Rainier and Mount Adams.[33]

The commander of the White Sands Proving Ground in New Mexico, Lieutenant Colonel Harry R. Turner, also told reporters that Arnold's sighting was consistent with the appearance of jet airplanes.[34] When police officers and others in Portland, Oregon reported "flying disks" on the Fourth of July, Army officials responded "by pointing out that 24 P-80 fighters and six bombers flew over the city about the time the 'discs' were reported." [35]

Steuart Campbell has said that the objects Arnold reported could have been mirages of several snow-capped peaks in the Cascade Range. Campbell's

calculation of the objects' speed determined that they were travelling at roughly the same speed as Arnold's plane, indicating that the objects were in fact stationary. Mirages could have been caused by temperature inversions over several deep valleys in the line of sight.[36]

Philip J. Klass[37] cited an article by Keay Davidson of the San Francisco Examiner in arguing that Arnold might have misidentified meteors on June 24, 1947.

James Easton[38] was one of several skeptics to suggest that Arnold may have misidentified American white pelicans: the birds live in the Washington region, are rather large (wingspans of over 9.8 ft (3 m) are not uncommon), have a pale underside that can reflect light, can fly at rather high altitudes, and can appear to have a somewhat crescent-shaped profile when flying.

Donald Menzel's explanations

Donald Menzel was a Harvard astronomer and one of the earliest UFO debunkers. Over the years, he offered several possible explanations for Arnold's 1947 UFO sighting.[39]

In 1953, Menzel suggested that Arnold had seen clouds of snow blown from the mountains south of Mount Rainier.

In 1963, Menzel proposed that Arnold had seen orographic clouds or wave clouds.

In 1971, Menzel said that Arnold may have merely seen spots of water on his airplane's windows.

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Last June, the Department of Defense released a long-awaited and much-hyped document called "Preliminary Assessment: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena," detailing the government's knowledge of UFOs and its programs trying to detect and catalog them. Many UFOlogists hoped that the "UFO report" would be a watershed moment in the field, showing that the government was taking UFOs seriously and, perhaps, explaining what the government thought they were.

Unfortunately, the nine-page report was pretty underwhelming; for the most part it revealed things we already knew, and read primarily like a plea from the DOD for more funding. Tantalizingly, we were told that members of Congress received a classified briefing with more information that would likely never be released to the public.

John Greenewald, the government transparency virtuoso behind the Black Vault, however, has a gift for us today: A redacted version of the classified report, obtained by filing a mandatory declassification review. This version of the report is longer and much more interesting—detailing, for example, the most "common shapes" of UFOs spotted by the military.

Certain sections of the classified report, such as one called "And a Handful of UAP Appear to Demonstrate Advanced Technology," have far more detail on specific incidents that the Department of Defense cannot explain and that are not mentioned in the public report, including seemingly two different incidents witnessed by multiple pilots and officers in the Navy. A section called "UAP

Probably Lack a Single Explanation" seemingly attempts to go deeper in exploring what those explanations could be, and also has an extra redacted paragraph about what the DOD believes could be attributed to "Foreign Adversary Systems."

Most interestingly, redacted figures, images, and diagrams in the classified reports explain what the DOD believes to be the most "common shapes" of UFOs, as well as "less common/irregular shapes." These sections are completely omitted in the public report and are unfortunately redacted in the version of the report obtained by Greenwald.

The classified report also explains that the FBI has investigated and will continue to investigate UFOs in an attempt to ascertain the causes of the phenomena; a redacted section seems to explain which instances it has investigated. "Given the national security implications associated with potential threats posed by UAP operating in close proximity to sensitive military activities, installations, critical infrastructure, or other national security sites, the FBI is positioned to use its investigative capabilities and authorities to support deliberate DOD and interagency efforts to determine attribution," the report reads.

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Interview of the Month – Kim Arnold

Kenneth Arnold and daughter Kim Arnold“It is my impression that everyone, no matter what part they play in this existence that seems to go on into infinity, has a special purpose or a special task or a special reason for being what they are and for doing things they do.”

– The Coming of the Saucers by Kenneth Arnold / Raymond Palmer

We all know that June 24th, 1947 was an important date in the history of this discipline we now call ufology, the study of UFOs. It is obvious from Kenneth Arnold's own words and those of his third youngest of four daughters, Kim Arnold, that Arnold had a sense of destiny about his sighting of nine disks traveling at over one thousand miles an hour in an echelon formation between Mount Rainier and Mount Adams in Washington State. Being a pilot and a credible witness, Arnold is however most famous for coining the term “flying Saucer,” a word that has inserted itself in our working vocabulary of the study of unidentified flying objects in general. His description of the objects to newsmen in Pendleton, Oregon in 1947 was that “they flew like a saucer would if you skipped it across water.” Somehow, he believed in this destiny, that he was in the right place at the right time.

This event wreaked havoc on his life and that of his entire family while it peaked his personal interest in UFOs in general. He was requested to send in a full report of his experience to the commanding officer of Wright-Patterson Field, which he happily did. He also offered publicly to submit himself freely to a physical and mental examination by the military. He had a health certificate which qualified him to fly as a commercial pilot. Initially, Kenneth

Arnold cooperated fully with the press, the intelligence community and investigators because he was a sincere and honest man, a man who was personally curious about what this all represented. From this interview with his daughter, we can see that sadly he was disillusioned as well as harassed for the remainder of his life.

Kenneth Arnold images It is interesting to note that during his second sighting on the way to Tacoma, Washington on July 29th, 1947, he was able to film a cluster of twenty to twenty five brass colored objects that looked like ducks, coming at his plane at terrific speeds. His filming attempt was less than successful as only one or two objects appeared on the film. Like so many witnesses, he sought validation for the anomaly he had seen, at times thinking that it may have been exotic foreign technology from another country or "guided missiles", robotically controlled. He watched the news wires very closely from June 28th to July 3rd as there appeared to be a flying saucer flap over the entire country. Ironically in that time period, we all know that there was the newspaper release of a crashed saucer recovered by the military in Roswell, New Mexico in July 1947.

Newspaper article Ken Arnold In his book, *The Coming of the Saucers*, Arnold talks about another sighting near Boise, Idaho by United Airlines, Captain E.J. Smith, highly respected, veteran pilot who had this sighting verified by the entire crew of his DV-3 on July 4, 1947. The Smith sighting was of five disks flying in loose formation, taking off in tremendous speeds. Ironically, both Kenneth Arnold and Captain Smith became investigators of the mysterious, illusive Maury Island incident that included the disappearance of the chief witnesses and the deaths of two intelligence officers. This would be enough to scare anyone away from investigating flying saucers. In the end, Arnold would say, "Flying saucers are not a joke."

Arnold's grounded, no nonsense, investigative nature caught the interest of the Intelligence community with whom he cooperated initially, especially with the tragic Maury Island, Washington State incident. The report included a malfunctioning disk, which spewed forth what appeared to be two different substances a material described as thick white newspaper-like metal that floated down to the bay; and a black metal like substance. My colleague, astronomer J. Allen Hynek would later describe this type of encounter as that of the second kind; a physical traces case. Because of the bizarre circumstances, no such materials were recovered successfully although Arnold and Smith saw them. There is strong evidence that in those days, these witness were discredited or eliminated, but the secret had to be kept secret. As Kenneth Arnold says in the introduction to his and Palmer's book, "This thing is big. It is something to which we most certainly ought to have an answer." It was his conviction that the facts already at hand must not be buried beneath a mass of official stupidity and a smokescreen of idiocies. He believed it was "time for truth" because it was the most important fact of our time, and he stressed the word fact.

The historical perspective is what now interests me most as a UFO investigator, especially when I realized that Disclosure with a capital "D" may not be eminent in our lifetime. It was from a Coast to Coast AM Radio interview I did that Kenneth Arnold's granddaughter, Shanelle Marie Schanz, called in to speak to me. She consequently introduced me to her mother, Kim Arnold. Kim, a grandmother of two granddaughters, is the third daughter of Kenneth and Doris Arnold's four children. It is obvious from this interview that she had a special relationship with her dad. She was at first hesitant to come forth due to the conflict and stress that this subject matter caused in the Arnold household. I was happy that she finally consented to do this debut interview.

In essence, it reflects her own individual feelings about her father and the subject of UFOs. She will be keynote speaker at the 2012 Women's Symposium on UFOs in Glen Rose Texas, May 18-20th 2012. She has much to say and her perspective is so important to the historical archive of serious researchers today.

Interview With Kim Arnold by Paola Harris on Nov 7, 2011

"Well, I'd like to bring closure to my father's sighting on June 24, 1947 and I just feel in my heart that I was the child born to do this. I just had to go through everything. And I had to read everything. I was on a spiritual mission. I had to try to figure out for myself why all this had happened to our family. Why was it my father that was chosen to bring this awareness of "Other Worlds" into human consciousness?" -Kim Arnold, Nov 7, 2011

K: Kim Arnold

P: Paola

P: Your name is Kim Arnold. You are the third daughter of Kenneth Arnold.

K: Yes, I am 57 years old now.

P: Are you the youngest child or are you the second youngest child?

K: I am the second to the youngest child. I am their third daughter.

P: Oh, you're the third. So are there two younger than you?

K: I have one younger sister and I have two older sisters.

P: Have you thought about speaking to the public for a while and sharing your thoughts?

K: You know, to be honest with you I've always felt it was my human destiny to talk with people, you know, about how my mother and father felt about their experience. About his experience, my father becoming famous and known as "The Man Who Started It All," about his flying saucer - UFO experiences, and maybe sharing with everybody my parent's views...their views about their conclusions as to what they believed the UFO's were - their theory at the end of their human lives.

P: Was it important to you when you were in your 20s or 30s? In your early years, did you think about it then?

K: Did I think about it then?

P: Did you read UFO magazines?

K: No I did not. I was overwhelmed with being married, trying to get through the struggles of everyday life, marriage and raising two little children. I have two adult children, now, a son and a daughter and with the everyday struggles of life...I did not have time to even think about it.

P: Well, that's perfect. Because you're very honest and your motives are pure. Because there is a timing in one's life when one wants to speak about these things. So in 2012, do you think it's time to talk about it?

K: Well, I'd like to bring some kind of closure to it and I just feel in my heart that maybe I was the child chosen to do this. Because it has really been perplexing to me...the mystery of it all...so I began a spiritual journey seeking the answers...you know, it must have been in 1994, seriously. I think it was clear back then that I decided to get out all the files and my father's old tapes and just start going through them. And my mother, you know, was going to throw all the UFO stuff away. If I hadn't lived close to her, she would have really just tossed it all away.

P: Was your mother alive in 1994?

K: No, no. My mother died...actually my mother died on the 45th anniversary date of the bombing of Nagasaki, Japan. She died on August 9, 1990.

P: So in 1994 all at once you...

K: Just a minute. I'm trying to figure it out. It was four years after my mother died. Yes, it was the year 1994, that is correct.

P: Okay. So what did you think about doing? Did you think about writing a book, about talking?

K: No, at that time I just had to go through everything. And I had to read everything. I was driven to find something - anything that would help me understand why this had happened. Why my father had been chosen to bring this awareness into human consciousness, the reality of "Other Worlds." Because it was so difficult, you know. It made both my mother's and my father's lives extremely difficult, it really did. It affected their daughter's lives in a very powerful way.

P: Well, when you were in your childhood and growing up in that family with your other sisters, when do you remember the UFO - flying saucer's being an issue? Was it when you were a little girl or when you were a teenager? When do you remember your dad talking about it?

K: It was always an issue. It seemed like my dad was always upset about it. It was like, we lived in the shadow of the "Saucers." Really, it was like a shadow had been cast over our entire family. It would be another journalist calling my father out of the middle of the blue. It would be somebody calling him from London, England, wanting him to do something. It would be an article on UFO's he would read in the newspaper. And I guess the biggest problem was that it seemed like everyone that my dad got involved with regarding his sighting of the flying saucers...that he never had the money to hire a professional attorney to protect him. That was his biggest problem that he got involved with people where nothing ever seemed to turn out the way that he wanted it to. So he felt very discouraged and very, very sad. It just seemed like everyone he got involved with made him very angry or sad. I guess it would be fair to say my father was a very sensitive man and carried his heart on his sleeve. Yet, he also was a man of great strength and integrity. A man's man, you would say. A man that other men admired and looked up to.

P: Do you think he thought people were taking advantage of him?

K: Oh, yes, of course. In fact, he kind of called it being "exploited". He felt that he had been exploited in many ways, due to the fact that he was a famous man. Yes, he did. Absolutely. And the sad part of it was that most people didn't even really listen to what he had to say. They just got, you know, into his life, got most of the information they thought was important and ran off and just did whatever they wanted to do with it. He wasn't represented as truthfully and as honestly in a way that he felt proud of.

P: Okay, Kim, this is our chance to represent him. What did your dad think about his first sighting?

K: Well, his first sighting on June 24, 1947. Okay. What did he think about it? Well, it is a fact. He saw nine unusual objects travelling at tremendous speed, and he was in a perfect position to clock their speed, and you know, he was very much a realist about this because he was a pilot. And you know; pilots have to be very aware of what is in the air at all times, because their life depends on their ability to make sound decisions. And the light that lit up the cockpit of his airplane was bright, so bright that he compared it to the brightness of a welder's arc light. This brightness startled and frightened him. He looked around to see where this light had come from. He thought, at first, perhaps it was the sun's reflection off another airplane close by. When the second flash happened he could see in the distance where the flash had come from. He saw these very bright objects travelling very close to the mountaintops in the Cascade mountain range near Mount Rainier, and he thought they might be a

formation of jets...he rolled down his window of his airplane to make sure he could see clearly what he was seeing...he was very confused about what he was seeing. He just could not see any tails on them like ordinary aircraft.

P: What kind of airplane was he flying that he rolled his window down in?

K: He had a CallAir A-2 plane. They were made in Afton, Wyoming.

P: Can you spell that?

K: Yes. CallAir. They were especially designed small airplanes designed to fly at higher altitudes.

P: Okay. But you had told me once that he was looking for something else that day. He was on his way somewhere.

K: On December 10, 1946, there had been a plane crash. A C-46 Marine transport plane carrying 32 marines was believed to have crashed into Mount Rainier. There was a \$5000 reward for anybody who found it's location. So that crash happened on December 10, 1946, in the dead of winter...this was June 24, 1947 so he was up there hoping to find the crash site and collect the reward.

P: Well, that's really interesting. And the thing is that he instead had this famous sighting. What's the first thing he did? Did he come down and report it? Did he talk to the family about it?

K: Well...yes...He came down and he started talking. He flew directly to Yakima, landed and went into see Al Baxter, the general manager of Central Aircraft. Mr. Baxter called in some other pilots into the room to listen to my father's story. Then my father took off for Pendleton, Oregon and when he got there a group of people were there to greet him. News of his strange sighting had travelled - FAST!

P: Basically, then what happened? People became interested in his sighting? Or how did the word flying saucers happen?

K: Well, because he described to a newspaper reporter how erratically they flew and they flew like a saucer would if you skipped it across water. And then the newspaper reporter just kind of came up with this term "flying saucers." But actually the UFO's weren't completely round like a saucer at all. They weren't round like that. No, they weren't. But that's how they got the name flying saucers from the way my father described them to the newspaper reporter as to how they flew.

P: Okay. But you know...so your dad then...did anyone try to talk him out of it? Did somebody come and try to talk him out of his sighting?

K: No. Nobody tried to talk him out of what he saw. Everyone just wondered what he had really seen.

P: But I mean...did they say; "What you saw wasn't real, or did they ask him if he thought they "the saucers" were from another planet?"

K: Well, no. No one really knew what they were at first. Everyone was still in a state of paranoia, because of the atomic bombs that had been dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki to end the war. It had only been something like 23 months since the bombs had been dropped on Japan. My father was riding the fear and paranoia like everyone else...he was in fear that these strange craft might be guided missiles, robotically controlled....maybe from Russia, that they might be carrying nuclear weapons. That was his biggest fear; nuclear weapons, because they were traveling so fast. Their speed frightened him. He figured the combination with the speed of this craft combined with nuclear weapons could destroy our nation. So he actually stood up and said what he saw because he was in fear for the safety of our nation.

I do not believe anyone, at first, even considered these strange craft were from another planet. My father believed what he had seen were very real and physical. Remember...he rolled down the window of his airplane just to prove to himself what he was seeing.

P: So he was a patriot, really. He looked at it as a matter of national defense, so that's what he did.

K: He viewed his sighting of this strange craft as a very serious subject. He believed it was a matter of importance for our national security.

P: Okay, later in his life did he become obsessed by it? Did he read books about it? Did he talk to people about it?

K: Oh, not at all. He was so perplexed and so overwhelmed with so much publicity over the UFO or flying saucer subject for so many years that he became a recluse, and he stepped away from the whole UFO circus, you might say. He talked about it as a ridiculous circus. He didn't want to be part of it because he really believed that what had happened to him was important and it was a spiritual experience...and that it had happened to him for some type of divine purpose. He truly believed that this was a very serious subject that should be studied in a scientific manner. He was very perplexed and confused about everybody's concept of aliens visiting from other planets - that type of thing. He didn't really feel like that is what they were at all...not the ones he had seen. After many years of reflecting about what he had truly seen...he believed they were alive, rather than anything made out of nuts and bolts.

P: So let's just describe what your dad felt they were. What did your dad feel they were and where did he think they came from?

K: Well, you need to know what both my parents believed...their personal theories...

P: Both your parents, yes. We haven't talked about your mom yet. What did your dad think?

K: Well, actually my dad believed that they were possibly from the world where we go when we die. That's what he believed. He was only brave enough to tell this to a newspaper reporter two years before he died in 1982. He felt that the flying saucers were the link between the living and the dead. It took him his entire lifetime to let "the cat out of the bag" you might say...and be brave enough to state it the way he really believed.

P: He believed that they were really inter-dimensional, or hyper-dimensional?

K: No. He believed in the concept that possibly the flying saucers or UFO's were just one of the ways we traveled when we weren't in a physical body. Possibly there were many ways to travel in "Other Worlds or Other Dimensions" just like we have many different ways of traveling here on the physical plane where we now exist.

P: So did he think there were human beings inside then?

K: Well, you know when you die, Paola, no one takes their physical bodies with them when they die. All of us leave our physical bodies here. And your remains just naturally become part of the earth. So what you take with you, I think, is your body of light, or your soul body, which, I believe is really who we are; indestructible beings of light energy. My father explained to me his philosophy of what we were in a very simple interesting way. I remember that I was 17 years old when he told me this concept. I was at my parents home and we were out in the kitchen...he began, "You know, Kimmie Buttons (I know it is funny, but he called me Kimmie Buttons, it was my nickname as a little girl), opening up the refrigerator...taking out an ice cube tray...here's an ice cube tray. You see

all these ice cubes?" And I said, "Yes." I didn't know what he was going to tell me, and he continued, "See this one ice cube...I believe that when you are alive in human form you are in a solid form, like this ice cube. When we die, or leave our human body we just change form (like the ice cube when it melts) but retain our true identity." What he said to me I will never forget. I knew that this theory of his was due to his sighting of the flying saucers...I just understood this.

P: Well, that's really interesting. Now there's a book written about him and I think it's with Ray Palmer. What was that all about?

K: Oh, 'The Coming of the Saucers.'

P: Yes.

K: Well, to be honest with you, it is a very poorly written book published in 1952. As a little girl I couldn't even finish reading it...it was so boring. The first half of the book my father wrote and that was interesting...but the second half that Ray Palmer wrote was boring...boring... My father turned down an offer from Doubleday Book Publishing of \$50,000 in the late 40's. I believe it must have been because their contract was simply too complex and overwhelming...and I do not know for sure, but I think that Doubleday had a clause in their contract where they had the right to fictionalize his story...to make it more marketable. My father felt compelled to keep his story accurate for history. My father had this thing believing in science and history. He felt they were important subjects. He also felt that this experience had happened to him for a divine purpose. \$50,000 was a lot of money to turn down clear back in the late 40's. If he had accepted their offer it would have made a great impact on his life and the lives of his family members. He was getting a lot of mail, it is said - 10,000 letters from people all over the world. Somehow in all this confusion, he read a letter from a man named Ray Palmer. In 1947, Mr. Palmer was the Editor of Ziff-Davis Publishing Company in Chicago, Illinois. My father was taken by the sincerity of Ray Palmer's letters and they became long distant friends. My best guess is that my father felt comfortable with Ray Palmer, he simply liked Mr. Palmer's personality on paper. So, as it went, Ray Palmer and my father decided to do a book together. So that's kind of how the book came about.

P: Yes, well, were you around when he was writing this book?

K: No, I wasn't even born. I was born in 1954, seven years after my father's historical sighting.

P: So he wrote the book before you were born. So you knew there was a book your father was involved in.

K: Well, you know, my father had a secret stash of his books floating around the house...you know. Dad autographed and gave most of them away. It upset my mother - she had to hide books from him so his own daughters would each have one...he autographed one to me and he autographed one to my other sisters, thanks to our mother...hiding them from dad.

P: Did he like the book? Was he satisfied with it?

K: I don't think that he thought it was the best...but what mattered to him was that his own words were printed exactly, and he was proud of that. Obviously, it never was a best seller...and it was never financially successful. It was just kind of...it just wasn't written very well, written in a very interesting manner like Doubleday would have written it...but that is the only book in existence at this point that has been done about his sighting.

P: Your father, he had conclusions about what the UFO phenomenon was, but was he interested in sightings, or in cases, or in alien landings? Do you remember him in his later years ever being just totally...

K: Yes, in the beginning, he went through a phase of interviewing other people who had interesting experiences. He bought a reel to reel tape recorder and flew off in his airplane and interviewed people and recorded their experiences. These people just came into his life because they knew they could talk to Kenneth Arnold, he was a safe person...they believed that he would understand them...so they contacted him. You know, he and my mother had interesting people just knocking on their front door. I saw this happening even many years...after he had become famous...people would seek him out. He believed people really did have some very interesting stories...and for the most part, they seemed to be very sane and truthful about their experiences...actually historically he was the first "Ufologist."

P: Well, see, this is really interesting. I didn't know this about him. So he started recording and researching. It was also a spiritual journey.

K: Yes. He was actually the first Ufologist. At least he was out there doing it on his own. Because they were interesting stories and he started kind of thinking, some of these stories might be true. In other words, what had happened to him...strange things happen to other people too. So why would he give other people the benefit of the doubt that they didn't have real experiences too.

P: Did your father ever meet Dr. J. Allen Hynek?

K: I believe my father met Dr. Hynek at the First International UFO Congress held at Chicago's Pick-Congress Hotel from June 24 through June 26 in 1977. It was at this UFO Congress in 1977, I believe this is correct. Mr. Hynek was a speaker at this conference along with my father.

P: Okay.

K: Yes, that was the last major conference that my dad was a keynote speaker at. It was in 1977.

P: Do you have any materials or tapes from that conference?

K: Yes, I do.

P: Well, it would be perfect to hear what he has to say because he's no longer with us, and you're kind of a spokesperson for him. It'd be interesting...

K: I have the book, record and all the tapes in my father's files.

P: Well, that might be interesting for you just to go over that, to hear what he has to say himself, because I'm curious, too. But anyway...so your dad had certain ideas and you said he was very disillusioned and he became a recluse. Do you mean like he didn't really want to speak to the general public during the last part of his life?

K: Yes, he was just tired and worn out from all of it. He had repeated the same story over and over again. So many times he simply got tired of doing it. It always seemed to interrupt his life and his ability to focus on making a living for his family...so he just got to the point where he didn't want to do it anymore.

P: Okay. Well, let's talk about what all this did to your family. I mean, this is a family. Do you remember your mother and her thoughts on it? You said your mom was a medium, she was very sensitive.

K: Well, I wouldn't say that she was a medium. I mean, she had abilities of mental telepathy and that kind of perplexed the family, too, that she had this ability of mental telepathy. And I did personal research on my mother's side of the family...I tried to research everything and I found out that when my mother was a little girl, my grandmother would have all her little girls practice

mental telepathy when they were baking in their kitchen in Weiser, Idaho. I never met my grandmother on my mother's side...she died when my oldest sister was just a baby, years before I was born...anyway...I heard through the grapevine that my grandmother used to encourage her children, her daughters, to practice mental telepathy in the kitchen when they were cooking. She would have one of them try to think of a song and she'd have the other girls try and guess the song, and they could do it. So apparently my grandmother knew this unique ability ran in her family line...to be psychic and sensitive - being telepathic was a natural ability.

P: Well, that's very interesting. Do you think you have some of those abilities, too?

K: You know, I'll be honest with you. At first I didn't believe in it, sincerely. And I remember my mom telling me about one particular incident when I was going with my first boyfriend, Daniel, when I was just 16 years old. I was in the car with her one day when we were backing out of his driveway and she said to me..."You know, Kimmie, the reason you're going with Daniel is because you were married to him in a previous lifetime and he drowned." And I looked at her and I thought, "Well, that's interesting, mom (but I really did not understand the importance of what she was telling me at this time in my life)." I just thought what she had said to me was interesting and I did believe that my mother had some unique abilities...but I did not really understand them. But I was pretty young then...and I loved my mother dearly...and I really did not understand her unique abilities or ideas and where they came from...or if they were really real...I did not understand that this was really possible to remember past lifetimes...for her to know these strange things...But as I got older I went through a stage where I had some interesting experiences remembering past lifetimes. You know, many people do have these recalls during their lifetimes. Now, because I have had these types of experiences, myself now. I understand that my mother's experiences about remembering past lifetimes and having this ability were very real and valid experiences. Now I truly believe my mother was a very advanced soul and passed this special telepathic ability to me...obviously it was passed down from generation to generation. From my personal viewpoint, reincarnation is the truth and we do come back in human form for experience. I believe it is simply called "the travels of the soul".

P: Well, that's really interesting because your mom is a multidimensional person. She's interested in so many things. Tell me, how did she react to the UFO experience and the fact that everybody wanted to talk to your dad? How did she react to the whole field?

K: Well, the whole house was just chaotic. It was simply nuts. I mean, they received 10,000 letters from people all over the world...my dad became world famous overnight. My mother got tired of packing the 10,000 letters from home to home when they moved. I do not know when she threw out all the old letters...but she did at one point, trashed them. She just couldn't handle it. A lot of the letters were people talking about the "End of the World" because of the reality of atomic bombs. A preacher publicly stated that my father was "A prophet and messenger for the end of the world"...you know, people were saying all kinds of strange things about my father. So actually the hubbub, journalists calling them night and day - their telephone ringing off the hook...it just went on for days, weeks like that. So, no, to be honest with you, it deeply upset their normal family life, very much so. My dad was only 32 years old at this time and my mother was only 29 when this happened to them. They had two small children, two daughters ages 4 and 2 1/2 years old. They were very young parents trying to deal with a crazy and strange situation at a young age.

P: Oh, I see. And did they wish it would go away?

K: I am sure they did...but it was simply impossible...my father took a stance that he was honest and stood strong for what he believed was the truth. He saw what he saw and stood by the truth of his story until his human death.

P: But you know, when you're describing this it almost seems like destiny. Like it couldn't go away because your parents were part of a divine plan. Does that sound realistic to you?

K: Well, if you really look back on it now, as part of history...the fact that my dad reported the flying saucers you can clearly look at it...First of all, I do not believe that what he saw, that they were evil or negative. I just do not believe that because really what it did...my dad's sighting...you understand now that it opened up the windows of our human minds to believing in the real possibilities of other dimensions or "Other Worlds." So it was a brand-new concept for our world to digest. Because my father had the courage to stand up and tell the truth he literally changed human thinking in a very positive way. And I believe wholeheartedly, that his sighting was part of a plan by our Divine Creator to introduce this new concept...I mean, there's no doubt in my mind that it was. Everyone should be able to see that now...so many years later. It now has been sixty four years since his sighting of the flying saucers.

P: Well, that's what it seems like, that it was a divine plan...but it did turn your family life upside down. Your sisters, your family, your father and mother. Do you remember any particular discussions any of you had over this turmoil? After you were born and you were part of this family, that it was part of your everyday life?

K: You know, earlier you asked if my father had met Dr. Allen Hynek. I remember, Paola, you said you once worked for him many years ago. The fact remains that the government was dead set on debunking UFOs sightings, as we all well know. The fact remains that the government was even trying to discredit pilots who reported seeing such things...it was simply ridiculous. Because my father knew as a professional pilot that these things were real and a lot of reputable pilots really saw these things, and it wasn't right that these (my dad would say) the powers to be were saying negative things about pilots reporting flying saucers. My father would rant and rave around the house expounding how could these idiots say these things about respectable pilots? Pilots were responsible and respectable men...people's lives depend on their ability to do their job. And, he simply lost it when Dr. Hynek said flying saucers or UFOs were some kind of swamp gas. I listened to my father's angry ranting and raving about Dr. Hynek's ridiculous theory of swamp gas for hours. I was pretty young then...but as we all know, Dr. Hynek quit working for the government and became a realist and sensible investigator on the subject.

P: Well, you know, you're absolutely right. He wasn't the only one. There were a lot of people who were angry with Hynek because Hynek was hired to debunk but then he changed his mind, and he did work in his own group in the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois. And he was also responsible for consulting on the film Close Encounters of the Third Kind with Spielberg so I think he kind of saved himself there at the end. So I understand where your dad was coming from and he was absolutely right because he knew what he saw.

K: Well, now you've brought up Close Encounters of the Third Kind. And that's okay because I've read all your books, and I thought, you always brought up Close Encounters of the Third Kind, and that was another big discussion at our house. Close Encounters of the Third Kind. My father just absolutely could not believe how they just created that movie and they didn't even contact him, ask what had happened to him or anything. My mother and father talked about it quite openly that neither one of them could believe no one really cared about the real story of what really happened and how it really did begin. It really began on June 24, 1947 with my father's sighting.

P: Well, that's interesting to hear. So he thought he should have been asked to be a consultant on the movie? Because he saw what he saw?

K: Yes. Of course he saw what he saw. He never made any major money on his experience of seeing flying saucers. He actually referred to himself as the unfortunate goat that happened to report the things. He never in his wildest imagination could have ever believed that they would be something that could not

be explained in a physical sense. He had no idea of what he had really gotten himself into.

P: I mean because he saw something, he thought he should have been asked about his personal experience to help with the details in the movie?

K: He was confused about not being consulted. After all, the movie depicted in a way, the actor, Richard Dreyfus having the same type of experience as my father did. In some respects the movie mirrored a little bit of the hysteria in our house. I mean, it did. You know it wasn't our real family story. It did not reflect all the things that really happened to my father or our family. But my dad did make...he did have an airbrush drawing done of the flying saucer to document what he had seen. He did go out and buy a movie camera and was certain if he ever saw anything again, he was going to get it documented on camera - to prove to everyone that these things did exist...and he had someone create a hanging mobile made with hand carved wooden flying saucers that hung in his office in the basement of our home at 7717 Ustick Road in the 1960's.

P: A mobile.

K: A mobile, yes. I don't know who carved the wooden flying saucers, but they were cool looking, painted in silver and blue. I don't know who he had make this mobile, but now that I remember it, it was kind of cool looking. The flying saucer mobile. I had forgotten about it.

P: It was part of your life. I mean, it was part of your everyday life. So, in other words, if you had to say something to vindicate your dad in a way, if you wanted to make a statement about Kenneth Arnold, what would you tell the general public?

K: What would I tell the general public? He was a common man who struggled with basic everyday problems of making a living, providing food, shelter and clothing for his family. He was born, lived, and died like any other human being. He was a survivor, a man of integrity, of great courage and conviction. A strong-willed man who had principles and morals. A man's man, people looked up to him and admired him. He died a natural death like any one else - struggling with the fear and fact that he was going to die from cancer.

P: Very logical. And something extraordinary happened to him that changed his world view.

K: Well, completely. My parents were very intellectual and fascinating people. They were advanced thinkers because of my father's sighting of flying saucers. They were unique people, you know. They talked about interesting things and it was a privilege to have had them as my parents. I hold the memories of them in the center of my sacred heart. I will always love them dearly and miss them for the rest of my life. I miss the most their interesting conversations.

P: Okay. So they passed some of this down to you. It's not an accident that we connected and it's not an accident that it's coming time to talk about this. So just a general idea that; "we are not alone." How does that affect you in your life? Is it something you think about, that you wish a proper documentary could be made?

K: Okay. This is how I feel about it. My dad got involved with a television company from London, England years ago and they did some kind of a documentary film, a Nova series or something, and he was extremely discouraged about how he was represented, how they edited and finalized the product. I guess my hope would be that I would find a professional where we could collaborate on a good product so that it would be something my father would be proud of. Something that would represent him in the proper light and be historically accurate...it would be the proper way to preserve his memory. Yes, but I don't feel like just

selling his legacy for money, just money just letting it go without a higher purpose. Because my father dedicated his entire life to preserving this story, making sure it was correct and accurate, and I feel out of dedication and honor to his memory that it needs to be done properly. I want to be a part of that, I want to be in the editing room, knowing that what is being finalized is done to honor his role in human history.

P: That's perfect. I agree and maybe...do you think it's a matter of timing? Do you think that maybe the time is right for this?

K: I don't know for sure that the timing is right. I do know that basically I am 57 years old and really something very positive and productive needs to be done with my father's legacy to mankind using all his historical materials.

P: Okay. Now we're talking...you have home movies and you have clippings. Do you have writings that your father did...you know, where he scribbled down ideas and so forth? For instance there were nine UFOs, weren't there?

K: Yes, there were nine. I have what is left of my father's files and archives. I was the executor of my parents estate.

P: Because he would have had to count them.

K: Yes, there were nine. And actually as they flew in flight, they didn't all look the same at all. Sometimes they looked like circles, sometimes they looked like lines. They were very intriguing in their flight patterns...it was the second to the last one that came up to him and that's the one that's so famous, that particular flying saucer or UFO is the one he had an airbrush drawing made of. It was the second from the last in the formation of nine. He saw the first four and then the next five followed.

P: The second to the last came up to him and did he have a reaction or any kind of message or any kind of psychic connection with it?

K: No, not that I am aware of. But I do believe that it is possible that the brilliant white light pulsating from the center of their surfaces...that's another very interesting thing. They pulsated with blue/white light from the center of their surfaces similar to the rhythm and beating of our own human hearts. So there you have it. That is why my father believed they were alive, absolutely. It was this reality that the pulsating light from the center of their surfaces was similar to the beating of our human hearts.

P: That is so interesting. I've never heard that before.

K: No, that's one of the hidden secrets I've got over here in all the files. Yes.

P: That's interesting...

K: Similar to the beating of our own human hearts.

P: So he thought they were alive.

K: Of course he did. Absolutely. 110%. Yes. They were not mechanical in any sense at all. And the other thing that was intriguing about him is that he saw flying saucers, he told a journalist at least eight times in his life...I do not think all his sightings were documented...but it is interesting that he said that he saw them eight times. Some of them they've tracked down here and there. But the most important sighting was his first sighting and then his eighth sighting, and in his eighth sighting, two of the flying saucers went under his airplane and one was as solid as a Chevrolet car and the other one he could see through the center of it. This convinced him that they had the ability to change their density...he described it once trying to justify this unique ability like jelly fish in the oceans. How they can look so solid then turn so invisible. So if

you really want to know how I feel about this or how I think about this, is that the flying saucers he saw on June 24, 1947, it was a staged performance. Because they were acting like they were traversing close to the tops of the Cascade Mountains, they gave my father the impression that they were solid and physical...but I think the reality was that they could have changed their density and gone right through the mountains. I believe the flying saucers were on some type of mission, to introduce this new concept into humanity by putting on this spectacular show for my father.

P: That's really interesting. I didn't realize he had eight sightings. What's the date of that, do you know?

K: In an interview he did in 1981, he said this sighting was in 1952 near Susanville, California.

P: Did he report the eighth sighting, too?

K: No, I do not believe so...I think that he just told it to journalists.

P: So, it was his eighth sighting that gave him this concept about density?

K: He started thinking about it. It was kind of like it was just a big performance. It is definitely food for thought.

P: And that they were performing?

K: They could have changed their density. It is my own theory...I believe they were putting on a show just for Kenneth Arnold...so he could tell everybody, that oh, yes, they're real and physical...but they had a secret...they could really change their density and become completely invisible, they were from another dimension.

P: Well, I hope that you can find some of the other sightings your father had...I hope he documented these...too.

K: There's one more sighting I know of right now...it is in his book, "The Coming of the Saucers". That particular sighting was on July 29, 1947 when my father was flying over the La Grande Valley. He saw about twenty to twenty-five brass colored objects that flew in a cluster like blackbirds, that wheeled on edge, flipping as they flew. I do not believe this was a very long sighting in the number of minutes...but very short. He still was amazed that he saw these, too.

P: Did he ever take any pictures...ever?

K: Oh, you know what. I think in all the stuff there was one time he believed that he got some on film...he sent it off to Military Intelligence and they cut it out, sent it back to him and said there was nothing there. He was really upset about this.

P: Well, let's end with the fact that...was he ever threatened? Was he afraid? Was he nervous? Was he told not to talk?

K: Yes, that's why I haven't talked before now because my mother told me the "secret scary story" when I was just a young girl. She said that my dad thought after he had his sighting of the flying saucers that he felt he should be a public speaker on the subject - educating people about the truth...he believed he had had this experience for a reason. He was scheduled to speak for the Knife and Fork Club on its lecture circuit at \$100 a day. He even printed up his own booklet, "The Flying Saucer As I Saw It," which he planned to use as a program guide for his speech. Anyway...a letter arrived from the Knife and Fork Club withdrawing their offer to him. The family secret begins here. I do not know who it was...I have forgotten...but my mother said this man came out to their house shortly after this letter. He drove my father out into the Boise desert to

visit with him privately and secretly. He told my father that his brother worked for the government and that he had seen the government eliminate their own men. He told my father that these government men were serious and dangerous people and he should not go against their demand that he not talk about the flying saucers. He was not to continue to do speeches on this subject and he had better take this seriously. My parents both considered this a threat on their both their lives. And of course my mother and my dad, truly I think, felt threatened for the rest of their lives. So I guess that would be one of the reasons he became kind of a recluse and refused to go anywhere and talk about it or anything. I even have a letter in my files written in my mother's own handwriting stating her fear that if they went to a UFO Convention in Mexico their plane might be shot down and both of them killed. Now, looking back on this letter, my mother never did get over being threatened by the government. I really never got over her telling me this scary story. If it wasn't for you, Paola, and making me realize that it was a number of years ago...I have finally been able to put this into the proper perspective. All the government men who threatened our family years ago...are simply gone...buried and dead. This kind of fear has a way of never going away.

P: Okay, well you know, you've told us quite a bit that I didn't even know about your dad's other sightings and of your life. But, okay, to finish up this interview...if you had to say something to the general public...if you, Kim Arnold, after all these years have an opportunity to talk, to represent your dad and your mom and your family, what would it be? What would you say to the young people of the world? How do you really feel about this?

K: Well, I really do believe that we are living in a very dangerous world. I believe that it is highly possible that hydrogen bombs could possibly be used in the future of humanity. And actually what I would like to say to everybody is the fact that I believe that at the time of human death that what we do is simply change form and retain our true identity. I believe, like my parents, that human death is not really the end, but that it is a fact that we actually live on into "Other Worlds." And, like my parents believed, I think that these worlds are multidimensional, and much more spectacular than anything we've ever believed humanly possible. It really isn't that boring and there are all kinds of activities going on, similar to the world where we now live.

P: So you think that we live in a multi-inhabited universe?

K: Oh, of course, absolutely. But it's not just about being in physical form for the short time that we inhabit these temporary bodies...because it is a fact...we discard these bodies like old coats. Whether we die from cancer, plane crashes or old age...or die in time of wars...we actually move on and live in dimensions of other worlds, and yes, it's simply a new beginning and a never ending story.

P: So the UFO phenomenon for you is part of this normal mystery or this paranormal mystery?

K: Yes, and I think that my father is linked in human destiny in a very powerful way to Robert Oppenheimer, because Robert Oppenheimer was known as the father of the atomic bomb and my dad is known as the father of the modern era of UFOs, and I believe that they are linked in a time frame of destiny to offset each other. That it will not be the end if these weapons are ever used...but part of a spiritual plan by our Creator to spiral us into higher dimensions of etheric worlds created by our Divine Creator.

P: Well, thank you, Kim, because what you've done is give a message of hope and that's something that I think the world needs right now.

K: Well, Paola, I don't mean to sound like the bearer of bad news...but the truth of the matter is we are living in a very physical world and it is a fact that these weapons exist. Albert Einstein said in a newspaper article I found in all my father's clippings (he glued onto big scraps of yellow construction paper)...it

was dated April 24, 1950 – Mr. Einstein said that an atomic war was inevitable unless a world government was established immediately and that this kind of war could wipe out two thirds of the people on earth.” I read this and thought... really what? I was shocked, and the truth of the matter is, all of us common people just do not have a clue as to what our governments have been doing. We are all just too busy trying to make a living to pay our bills and support our families. Governments just look at us common people like we are numbers and vital statistics they store in some computer file.

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A Comprehensive Chronological Summary of the Period

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THE CHRONOLOGY

Jan., 1947; England

Midnight. "Ghost Plane X362" makes its first appearance. RAF radar picked up track of something flying at 30,000 feet. It zoomed over the East Anglia coast at speed of 400 miles an hour heading west. The target was logged in as track "X362," "X" being the RAF symbol for "unidentified". This incident became quite mysterious when the object made repeat appearances of the same nature, (UFOs A History 1947 SN Jan-Jun 6)

Jan. 16, 1947; North Sea, 50 miles from Holland (BBU)

10:30 p.m. (GMT). RAF pilot of Mosquito pursued unidentified radar target showing efficient controlled evasive action at 22,000 ft speed equal or greater than Mosquito, headed W? towards Norfolk, Eng. (FOIA) This was five months before the Kenneth Arnold sighting and the beginning of the Wave of 1947, followed by the crash at Roswell in early July. The incident was also linked to another "X raid" tracked by radar earlier that same day. An FBI document from July of 1947 quoted the Air Ministry case summary stating that: "no explanation has been forthcoming, nor has it been repeated." This information was not entirely accurate, because a very similar incident had occurred just 24 hours after the North Sea incident. As a direct result, Fighter Command immediately extended its night radar watch. (FOIA)

Jan. 17, 1947; North Sea

In the afternoon, two Chain Home Low stations in Lincolnshire (Skendleby and Humberstone) tracked what they described as "an exceptionally good track" (U294) at 10,000 feet above the North Sea. With Eastern Sector on alert, Meteor jets from 245 Squadron were placed on standby to scramble if Charlie came within range, but the plot faded from their screens. At 1945 hours the radar station at Humberstone, near Grimsby again tracked an unidentified target over the sea for a period of 30 minutes at a speed of more than 200 mph.

Feb. 6, 1947 Port Augusta, Australia

9:00 AM.* While working in the yard at the Commonwealth Railways workshop Mr Ron Ellis and two workmates claim to have seen five strange objects in formation pass across the sky from N-S. The objects were white or light pink and egg-shaped. Ellis said that he could not give an accurate estimate of the size of the objects, but they were casting shadows and judging by his experience with aircraft in the RAAF during the war he considered they were about the size of a locomotive. Although the objects kept on a direct course at a height of about 6000' feet they appeared to be quivering. Owing to their great speed they were out of sight within a few seconds. Any question of the phenomenon being an optical illusion was dispelled by the fact that a few minutes later both Mr Ellis and his companion gave an identical description of what they had seen. Their description was verified by another member of the workshop who said he had also seen the objects. (Adelaide Advertiser 7 Feb 1947 copy provided by Darryl Tiggeman of Adelaide. [* time given in follow-up article the next day])

Feb. 28, 1947; 6 miles south of Lima, Peru

Time not given. While driving C.A.V. saw a sand-colored & very shiny disc-shaped object hovering 6-7 feet off the ground. Three figures emerged from it. They looked like mummies. They had a humanoid profile, but their legs were fused together. The hands looked like fingers in mittens, and they had a opposable thumb. The skin was sand-colored, & they had no facial features. There was a transparent area where the eyes should have been. Source suggested reliability rating: 2. (Due to the time of year and lack of reports, this incident needs to be checked - Fran Ridge)

April ?, 1947; Col De Serre, near Falgoux (Cantal), France

8:15 a.m. The second French case in April: "M. Maxime Orliange, in car, observed an object which appeared like lens-shaped disc with a cupola above him, flying on an ascending sloping path. blue light emanated from the place where the cupola joined the disc. The disc seemed to be 30 meters in diameter, and when it was about 400 meters away it disappeared on near vertical path. (Guy

Quincy Catalog, INTCAT #7; J. J. Vallee, Challenge to Science: The UFO Enigma, p.l 19; LDLN #249, P33)." (UFOs A History Jan-Jun 1947, NN 15)

April 1947; Richmond, Virginia ((BBU)

11 a.m. (EST). Meteorologist Minczewski saw a silvery disc through a theodolite while tracking a pibal weather balloon, traveling E to W at less than 15,000 ft, appeared larger than the balloon. (McDonald 1968; FOIA; FUFOR Index)

May 5, 1947; Seattle, Washington

3:30 PM. A silver object was spotted streaking across the sky by three witnesses. The object was thought to have nose dived and the witnesses all thought that the object was most certainly going to crash. Before it seemed to hit the ground, the object disintegrated leaving a "long pillar of "gas" hanging in the sky". The gas pillar was very strange as it remained in the sky and didn't blow away like a plane trail would. It was said that the silver object was travelling at very high speed. It was also said to have had very erratic motions. (Lara Elliott, FBI UFO Docs PDF 4 of 16 Pages) [Interesting for several reasons: An early sighting before Arnold even though maybe not a UFO but noted by the FBI, who wouldn't investigate the incident in September since four months had elapsed. - Fran Ridge)

May 17 [19?], 1947; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (BBU)

8:30-9 p.m. Field Engineer Savage saw a frosty white round and flat object, with diameter/thickness ratio 10:1, the size of a B-29 [?] (140 ft) traveling N at 350° heading at 10,000-18,000 ft and 3 times speed of a jet [1,800 mph] with a slight swishing sound. 30-mins. (FOIA; FUFOR Index)

Last week of May, 1947; Near Beaufort, South Carolina

11:00 a.m. Dr. Battey, a physician in Augusta, Georgia, had been fishing ten miles off St. Helena Sound, near Beaufort, South Carolina. He noticed a formation of four disc-like objects flying overhead in a southeasterly direction at a terrific rate of speed. The discs appeared to be spinning on their axes and were at an estimated altitude of about 20,000 feet. They were silvery and appeared highly polished, and on their under-sides, Dr. Battey could see a circular rim, or projection, about one-quarter of the way from the edges. No sound was heard as they flew overhead. The formation sped out of view in less than twenty seconds. Dr. Battey's report of the sighting did not appear in print until July 6th, when the Augusta Chronicle gave it prominent front-page coverage. INS sent it out on the wires, where it was picked up by numerous newspapers around the country. (Bloecher)

Bloecher:

There was approximately one sighting every other day for the first half of the June. These were scattered over the midwest and western United States. Then the sighting rate doubled to about 2 per day until June 20. I found 3 sightings for June 20, two for June 21, three on June 22, six on June 23..... and then the explosion: I found 20 reports on June 24!

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June 2, 1947; Rehoboth Beach (near Lewes), Delaware (BBU)

Pilot Forrest Wenyon in aircraft flying N at 1,400 ft saw a silvery jar-shaped object 15 inches [?] in size cross in front of the plane at 1,000-10,000 mph heading E on a straight course at same altitude, with a silver-white fire exhaust. [Daytime meteor?] Sev secs. (Project 1947; McDonald list; FOIA; Bloecher 1967)

June 8 (??), 1947; 20 mi S. of Maltaw

Evening. Fishermen Pawlu Zammit and others on a boat 20 miles south of Malta were raising their nets with a catch of fish when they saw an object floating on the water's surface that looked like a black submarine. The fishermen were frightened because they thought it looked more like a monster than a submarine, so they quickly pulled in their nets and started the boat's engine. At that

moment a bright light from the "submarine" lit up the whole area and "little men" began running over the deck of the object. The fishermen couldn't make out much detail from their boat, but whenever the light illuminated the "little men," they could see some sort of apparatus around their waist. When the witness was asked how tall these men were, he replied, "About the size of a 10 year old boy." After a few minutes, the "little men" entered the "submarine" which began to glow so brightly that the fishermen couldn't see the object. It then submerged.

June 12, 1947; Weiser, Idaho (BBU)

6:15 p.m. Mrs. H. Erickson saw 2 high speed round objects glistening in the sun at high altitude headed SE in trail formation moving up and down twice and leaving a vapor trail that persisted for over an hour. Sev secs. (McDonald list; FOIA; FUFOR Index; Bloecher 1967)

June 14, 1947; Bakersfield, Calif. (BBU)

2:15 p.m. Veteran pilot Richard Rankin and a young boy saw 10 "almost round" or Flying Flapjack-shaped objects in formation at 9,000 ft and 300-400 mph headed N on a straight level course, then 7 returned on reverse S course at 2:15 p.m. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index; Bloecher 1967)

June 19, 1947; Webster, Mass.

One of the earliest cases of humanoid reports appeared about two weeks later in, I believe, a Worcester paper -- possibly the Telegram. By an older, unidentified woman who saw an occupant inside an object who looked like "a Navy officer." (Bloecher)

June 20, 1947; Hot Springs, NM

8:00 PM MST. Woman and her daughter observed three revolving groups of three discs in triangular formation, straight course, S-NE (Bloecher, 17, II-9)

June 21, 1947; Spokane, Washington (BBU)

11:50 [11:55 PST?] a.m. Civilian woman [Mrs. Guy R. ?] Overman saw 8 [shiny silvery and slim-bodied?] disk-shaped objects the size of a house fly at 600 mph [or slower than a 2-engine army plane?] traveling SSW at 7,000 ft one object below an aircraft, then fall with a dead-leaf motion and land before 10 witnesses on the shore of the St. Joe River, Idaho. Sev mins. (Vallée Magonia 57; cf. FOIA; FUFOR Index; Bloecher 1967)

June 21, 1947; Maury Island, Washington

Cat 6. Maury Island Incident (hoax).

Fran Ridge:

Bloecher found 20 reports on June 24! These were mostly in the far northwestern states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Sightings were scattered throughout the day from morning to night. After the 24th, the sighting rate stayed at about 10 per day or higher, with sightings occurring not just in the west but throughout the country.

June 24, 1947; near Pendleton Oregon

Afternoon. A man driving down a remote rural road heard a loud humming sound, and driving over a rise he saw on a nearby field a large disc shaped craft hovering six-feet off the ground. He could also see two short figures wearing green suits and white helmets standing right underneath the object. The figures suddenly vanished and the craft then shot towards the Columbia River, made a big circle then flew towards the mountains. (HC addition # 728. Source: Bob Gribble, Mufon UFO Journal # 290, Type: C) [Comments: Interesting report that occurred on the same day of the Arnold encounter. Also notable is the clothing description of the little men, which was said to have been green, not the little men themselves.]

June 24, 1947; Richland, Washington

2:30 p.m. PST. L. G. Bernier, observed three flat objects that were faster than P-38's. The objects were flying on a level course to the northwest. [Note: Richland is part of the Hanford site]. (Ted Bloecher/Dan Wilson)

June 24, 1947; Mt. Rainier, Washington

At 3:00 P.M., pilot Kenneth Arnold, was flying his airplane near Mt. Rainier and noticed some flashes of light. He then saw the source of the flashes; a string of nine very bright metallic objects.

Kenneth Arnold:

"I spent the next twenty to thirty seconds urgently searching the sky all around - to the sides and above and below me - in an attempt to determine where the flash of light had come from. The only actual plane I saw was a DC-4 far to my left and rear, apparently on its San Francisco to Seattle run. My momentary explanation to myself was that some lieutenant in a P-51 had given me a buzz job across my nose and that it was sun reflecting off his wings as he passed that had caused the flash. Before I had time to collect my thoughts or to find a close aircraft, the flash happened again. This time I caught the direction from which it had come. I observed, far to my left and to the north, a formation of very bright objects coming from the vicinity of Mt. Baker, flying very close to the mountain tops and traveling at tremendous speed.... I observed a chain of nine peculiar looking aircraft flying from north to south at approximately 9,500 ft elevation and going, seemingly, in a definite direction of about 170 degrees."

June 24, 1947; Mt. Adams, Wash. (BBU 12)

Afternoon. Just about the time that Kenneth Arnold lost sight of his objects, Fred Johnson, listed as a prospector, reported watching five or six disc-shaped craft as they flew over the Cascade Mountains. He said they were round with a slight tail and about 30 feet in diameter. They were not flying in any sort of formation and as they banked in a turn, the sunlight flashed off them. As they approached, Johnson noticed that his compass began to spin wildly. When the objects finally vanished in the distance, the compass returned to normal.

June 24, 1947; Diamond Gap, Washington

3:00 PM. A member of the Washington State forest service was on fire watch at lookout tower at Diamond Gap, a small settlement near the town of Salmon, just south of Mount Rainier, noticed something in the sky which he said were:

". .flashes in the distance quite high up in the east (and they] .seemed to be going in straight line and made strange noise, higher pitched than most airplanes make." (Newsclipping. Loren Gross, UFOS: A History 1947, page 8)

June 24, 1947; Pendleton, Oregon

A humanoid report on the same day Arnold had his sighting (Bloecher).

June 24, 1947; 10-12 mi. E of Joliet, Illinois

1:50 p.m. CST. Charles Kastl, 60, an employee for 38 years with the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad, was walking along a highway to work when he spotted about nine speeding discs in the air. He described them as a string of flat circular objects "going faster than anything I've ever seen." Kastl said he could see no connecting link between them, but they acted as though the leading disk had a motor in it to power the others because when it flipped, the others would too. When it would right itself, the others would right themselves. They were appeared to be very high (4,000' ???) and heading N-S. (The Cedar Rapids Gazette, June 28, 1947) [UFOE, XII]

June 27, 1947; Woodland, Washington

Two groups of loosely-bunched objects rocking back and forth as they flew over noiselessly, were reported seen over this small southwest Washington town during the afternoon. The report was phoned in to the Portland Oregon Journal late the same afternoon by the witness, Clyde Homan, manager of Tulips, Inc., a bulb-growing farm two miles south of Woodland, near the Columbia River. (Case 85, Bloecher)

June 28, 1947; 30 miles NW of Lake Mead, Nevada (BBU)

3:15 [1:15 PST?] p.m. AAF pilot Lt. E. B. Armstrong from Brook AAF, San Antonio, Texas, flying F-51 fighter at 6,000 ft saw a tight formation of 5-6 white

circular 3 ft objects off his right wing heading 120° [about ESE] at 6,000 ft at 285 mph. (Ruppelt p. 19; FOIA; FUFOR Index; Bloecher 1967).

June 28, Rockfield, Wisconsin (BBU)

3:43 [3:45 CST?] p.m. Marion Beuschler and her brother a farmer saw 7-10 saucer-shaped objects fly overhead directly over their home "like blue blazes" heading S at high speed. (McDonald list; FOIA; FUFOR Index; Bloecher 1967, Dan Wilson)

June 28, 1947; Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama (BBU)

9:20-9:45 p.m. 4 AAF officers including 2 pilots and 2 intelligence officers, Capt. W. H. Kayko, Capt. J. H. Cantrell, Capt. Redman, 1st Lt. T. Dwyer, saw a bright light just above the SW horizon travel towards them in a zigzag with bursts of high speed, when directly overhead it made a sharp 90° turn and lost to view in the S [SW?]. 25-mins. (Ruppelt p.19; FOIA; FUFOR Index; Bloecher 1967)

June 29, 1947; Des Moines, Iowa (BBU)

3:45 [4:45 CST?] p.m. Bus driver Dale Bays saw a single file line of 4 [18 ?] "dirty white" round objects between circular and oval in shape, inverted saucer shape about 175-250 ft diameter 12 ft thick, at about 1,200 ft height traveling about 300 mph to the SSE, sound of electric motor or dynamo. Another group of 13 objects seen heading SSE to NNW [later?]. Few mins. (Battelle/BBSR14 ?; Mary Castner/CUFOS; FUFOR Index; FOIA; Bloecher 1967)

About June 29, 1947; Jacksonville, Oregon

About 1:00 p.m.. A V-formation of UFOs seen by a group of people on a Sunday either at the end of June or early in July. The date, believed to be June 29, had not been definitely established. A group of people west of Medford, just above the California border. The formation was traveling northwest toward Medford, east of the observers. There were nine objects. According to one witness, when first seen the objects were "as white as snow geese"; as they came closer they became blue-white, "like a fluorescent-bulb light." They were sharply outlined and seemed to be solid; "also translucent, like a light, pebbled, frosted bulb." The size of the individual objects was estimated as more than twice the diameter of the full moon -- presumably when the objects were nearest to the witnesses, although this is not stated definitely. (Reference 1, Section II, Page 3)

June 29, 1947; About 20 [15?] miles ENE of Las Cruces, New Mexico (BBU)

About 1:15 [1:20?] p.m. Rocket scientist-engineer Dr. Carl J. Zohn, Admin Asst., Rocket Sonde Section, USN Naval Research Lab (NRL) temporarily assigned to White Sands Proving Ground (WSPG), NRL scientist Curtis C. Rockwood and his wife, and WSPG technician John R. Kauke, were driving in a car from Las Cruces to WSPG headed NE when they saw to their right front [E] a rotating silvery or shiny disc or sphere with no appendages, wings, tail, propellers, reflecting sunlight [pulsating?], crossing the sky at high speed heading N at about 8,000-10,000 ft which suddenly disappeared in mid-air in a clear cloudless sky. Kauke had stopped the car and briefly saw a short vapor trail at one point not reported by the others. Zohn on the passenger side rolled the window for an unobstructed view. Nearly 60-secs. (FOIA; cf. Ruppelt, p. 20; FUFOR Index; Randle-Schmitt; Bloecher 1967; etc.)

June 30, 1947; Near S rim of Grand Canyon, Ariz. (BBU)

9:10 a.m. (MST?). Navy Lt. William G. McGinty flying P-80 from Williams AAF at 30,000 ft heading S saw 2 gray, circular objects about 8 or 10 ft diameter, diving at "unconceivable" speed from about 25,000 ft, which appeared to land 25 miles S of the Grand Canyon. (Vallée Magonia 59; cf. Project 1947; FOIA; FUFOR Index; Bloecher 1967)

Bloecher:

Few of the thirty-nine reports for this period received headline attention when they were printed, and by June 30th, newspaper coverage was not quite as widespread as it had been several days earlier. But UFO sightings would very shortly pick again as the July 4th holiday approached.

In early July the sighting rate climbed beyond 20 per day to 88 sightings on July 4, 76 on July 5, 156 on July 6, 159 on July 7, and a whopping 189 on July 8. After that it dropped quickly back to 20 per day and then only a few per day.

June 30, 1947

The last meeting, one of the most important meetings of our time, took place at the Pentagon to discuss the evaluation of the atomic bomb as a military weapon. The Joint Chiefs of Staff Evaluation Board meeting signaled the start of the nuclear arms race. Just by reading the highlighted portions of the report one must wonder if this is the reason for the start of the modern UFO wave in 1947. Mankind was embarking on a road to mass destruction. And the confusion displayed by the military during the height of the UFO flap, combined with the nagging residue of unexplained sightings, made plain that the U.S. had no adequate early warning system against surprise attack

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Early July, 1947; Nashville, Tennessee

Area of a sighting of a landed disc and two occupants. (Bloecher)

Early July, 1947; Near Malta, Mediterranean Sea

2:30 p.m. (EDT). Fishermen on a boat 20 miles south of Malta were raising their nets with a catch of fish when they saw an object floating on the water's surface that looked like a black submarine. The fishermen were frightened because they thought it looked more like a monster than a submarine, so they quickly pulled in their nets and started the boat's engine. At that moment a bright light from the "submarine" lit up the whole area and "little men" began running over the deck of the object. The fishermen couldn't make out much detail from their boat but whenever the light illuminated the "little men", they could see some sort of apparatus around their waist. Original reference: "UFOs fuq iI-Gzejjer Maltin" by David Pace

July 1, 1947, Chitose, Hokkaido, Japan

Time not given. A target was picked up 16 miles north of the base on a course of 180 degrees. The GCA unit immediately called the tower and asked if any aircraft were operating north of the field. At this instant of this radio transmission, the target reversed course to 360 degrees and was tracked out to a range of 28 miles. The target then changed course to 240 degrees and was tracked out 6 miles where it again reversed course to 060 degrees and returned to the original point 28 miles north of the base. The target then changed course to 360 degrees and faded out of range. The nearest known operational U.S.S.R. air base to the north of Chitose AAB is Otomari on southern Ostrov Sakhalin at a range of 234 nautical miles from Chitose AAB. This base is classified as having temporary runways of 4500 - 6000 foot length. Base contains a large aviation gasoline tank farm with a pipe line to Korsakov Harbor which is capable of handling tankers. Headquarters of the U.S.S.R. Air Force on Karafuto is located in the Toyohara area about 24 miles to the north of Otomari. ((Item "a" from SECRET letter, Fran Ridge, Jan Aldrich)

July 1, 1947; White Sands

This alleged incident is listed for-the-record only and has been declared a hoax. This is the "McKenzie"/Kaufmann hoax)

July 2, 1947. Roswell, New Mexico (BBU)

9:50 p.m. (MST). Pharmacist Dan Wilmot, wife, and son Paul, at home in downtown Roswell. Fireball came from SE directly or almost directly overhead, heading towards and disappearing over Sixmile Mtn at about azimuth 306° (about NW). (Sparks; Roswell Daily Record, July 8.1947)

July 3, 1947; San Diego NAS, California

12:45 p.m. Motor machinists Chief Robert L Jackson and Chief William Baker

reported three saucer shaped objects twice the size of Navy aircraft, gleaming in sun like aluminum, flying about 400 mph, over ocean west of San Diego (Src: San Diego, CA Union 4 Jul 1947, Bloecher Case 194)

July 3, Roswell, New Mexico
Cat 6 (physical evidence). The Roswell Crash.

July 3, 1947; South Brooksville-Harborside, Maine (BBU 27)
2:30 p.m. (EDT). Astronomer John F. Cole alerted by a roaring noise overhead saw about 10 very light colored 50-100 ft wide objects to the N at about 50° elevation in a formation initially about 1.5° wide, with 2 dark forms to their left or 2 objects had darker projections somewhat like wings, moving like a swarm of bees to the NW at about 600-1,200 mph through about 30° arc [at about 4-20 miles distance?]. 10-15 secs. (Berliner; McDonald 1968; FOIA; Bloecher 1967)

July 3, 1947; near Santa Rosa NAS, California
4:50 p.m. A trained observer from the Naval Auxiliary (name withheld by newspaper and confirmed by Dr. R. W. Nelson, civilian dentist) observed an object shaped like a giant pocket watch colored like aluminum about 15-20 feet in diameter, about 1,000 feet above main runway, It moved N to end of runway, turned E banking headed toward Santa Rosa. (Jan Aldrich, Loren Gross, Santa Rosa Press-Democrat)

July 3, 1947; St. Maries, Idaho
Mrs. Walter Johnson of Dishman, Idaho, and nine other witnesses near St. Maries, observed eight objects land on a mountainside at Butlers Bay on the St. Joe River. According to Mrs. Johnson the saucers came into view at an extreme speed traveling south to north and suddenly slowed, then fluttered like leaves to the ground in timber. Ted Bloecher suggested that this report should have been among those in the Air Force files because it had been reported to intelligence officers from the Spokane Army Air Base, and an intensive air search was carried out by two missions of the National Guards 116th Fighter Group. Local sheriffs deputies also made a ground search, but since no apparent trace of the objects was found, a report was probably never forwarded to Wright Field in Dayton. (Bloecher)

Bloecher:
According to these (AMC) spokesmen, the investigation at Wright Field was continuing, in spite of what spokesmen in Washington were telling the press. Within twenty four hours after the release of these official statements, events would begin to take place that would leave everybody, civilians and military personnel alike, in a state closely approximating Ruppelt's description of a flap. Reports of sightings, coming almost simultaneously from hundreds of bewildered citizens, were made to newspapers and police stations all over the country, and adjacent areas as well, from Southern California to New Brunswick, and from Louisiana to North Dakota. People everywhere were experiencing the beginning of one of the most massive waves of UFO sightings on record. Reports came from all kinds of observers: from picnickers and holiday crowds, from policemen and public officials, and from pilots, farmers, professional men, housewives and bus drivers.

July 4, 1947; Redmond (near) , OR (BBU)
11 a.m. C. J. Bogue of Tigard, Ore., and other witnesses in a car near Redmond saw 4 discs flying past Mt. Jefferson on a straight course at high speed. (McDonald list; FOIA; Ruppelt p. 20; Bloecher 1967)

July 4, 1947; Portland and Milwaukee, Oregon, and Vancouver, Wash. (BBU)
1:05 p.m. Radio newsman Frank Cooley of station KOIN, INS wire service employees in the Portland Oregon Journal Building, Clark County Sheriff's Deputy Fred Krives, Deputy Clarence McKay, Sgt. John Sullivan, Portland Police Officer Kenneth A. McDowell, Harbor Patrol Capt. K. A. Prahm, Harbor Patrolmen A. T. Austad and K. C. Hoff, Portland Police Officers Earl J. Patterson [Paterson?], Walter A. Lissy and Robert Ellis, Oregon Highway Patrol Sgt. Claude Cross, and

many others over a wide area saw 5 large discs moving at high speed to the E, 2 flying S and 3 to the E, with oscillating or wobbling motion, sudden 90° turns or zigzagging, radio reports alerted other officers who saw the objects, aluminum or chromium color, disc or hubcap or pie-pan or half-moon shape flashing in the sun, no vapor trail, no noise (except possible humming), some at 10,000-40,000 ft others at about 1,000 ft. McDowell noticed pigeons reacted. Sullivan, McKay and Krives noted low humming sound and reported 20-30 objects. Cooley reported 12 discs at about 20,000 ft. [Further sightings at 2, 4:30, 5 p.m.] Patterson, Lissy and Ellis were pilots. 30-90 secs. (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 1002; McDonald 1968; FOIA; Bloecher 1967)

July 4, 1947; Seattle, Washington

5:45 p.m. Photo by Frank Ryman. U.S. Coast Guard yeoman took first known photograph of UFO, a white circular object which moved across the wind. Photo shows round dot of light. (UFOE, VII, XII, Hall II 87, SIGN/Grudge Case 3, Project Blue Book # Bloecher Case # 257)

July 4, 1947; Portland, Oregon (BBU)

2 p.m. E. A. Evans saw 3 metallic discs glinting sunlight, 1 moving W to E, followed by 2 others heading N. [Other sightings at 1:05, 4:30, 5 p.m.] (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 100-2; McDonald 1968; FOIA; Bloecher 1967)

July 4, 1947; Portland, Oregon (BBU)

4:30 p.m. Mrs. L. J. Hayward saw a silvery disc-shaped object looking like a new dime flipping in an erratic path moving slowly. [Other sightings at 1:05, 2, 5 p.m.] (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 100-2; McDonald 1968; FOIA; Bloecher 1967)

July 4, 1947; Portland and Milwaukee, Oregon, and Vancouver, Wash (BBU).

5 p.m. [Other sightings at 1:05, 2, 4:30 p.m.] (Hynek UFO Rpt pp. 100-2; McDonald 1968; FOIA; Bloecher 1967)

July 4, 1947; Near Emmett, Idaho (BBU 34)

9:12 [8:17? 8:12?] p.m. (MST). United Air Lines Flight 105 Capt. Emil J. Smith, First Officer Ralph Stevens, Stewardess Marty Morrow who was called in by Smith as a confirming witness, flying NW on heading 300° from Boise to Seattle at about 7,000 ft, saw 5 disc-shaped objects with flat bottoms and rough tops (possibly 100+ ft size) move at varying speeds, in loose formation [or evenly spaced?] roughly 1,000 ft higher in altitude about 10° left of their heading [or at 290°], with one high and to the right of the others in the distance, all disappearing to the W [NW?] in a gradual climb at about 9:20 p.m. as 5 [4?] additional similar objects came into view slightly higher heading W [or took off to the NW; 3 objects in a line with 1 off to the side]. Smith tried to close on the objects at 185 mph as he climbed from 7,000 to 8,000 ft but could not. 12-15-mins. (Berliner; cf. McDonald 1968; Bloecher 1967; FBI..)

July 5, 1947; Albuquerque, NM

9:00 AM. Five discs flew toward the east over the city; one circled back over the city. In the afternoon five witnesses saw a sphere maneuver in-and-out of clouds. (Source: Jan Aldrich, Project 1947: A Preliminary Report on the 1947 UFO Sighting Wave; Albuquerque Journal, July 6, 1947).

July 5, 1947; Seattle, Washington

12:40 p.m. SGT Raynar Cain, USMC reported two disc-like objects like footballs. One banked slightly at about 8000 feet, then shot up and out of sight to north. Second one following a minue behind, wobbling headed north climbing out of sight. (Bloecher Case # 326)

July 6, 1947; S. Central Wyoming

Aviation engineer saw oval UFO. [UFOE, VI]

July 6, 1947; Buckley NAS, Colorado

Daytime. LeRoy Krieger, Aerologist, Second Class; James Cavalieri, hospital apprentice, reported a bright round silvery object to the ?? shooting up and

down noiselessly for several minutes, then left at high speed. (Bloecher Case #403)

July 6, 1947; Fairfield-Suisan AFB, California (BBU 36)

Daytime. AAF Capt. and Mrs. James H. Burniston saw a highly reflective round flat object having no wings or tail, the size of a C-54 transport (118 ft) roll from side-to-side 3 times then fly away very fast from NW to the SE [SW?] at 10,000 ft. (Berliner; Bloecher 1967)

July 6, 1947; Clay Center, Kansas (BBU)

1:45 p.m. AAF pilot Major A. B. Browning and crew flying B-25 E to Kansas City saw a silvery circular object 30-50 ft diameter pacing the aircraft at a little lower altitude then shot off at high speed heading E at 11,000 ft at 210 mph. (Project 1947; FOIA; Bloecher 1967)

July 7, 1947; 7 miles N of Shreveport, Louisiana (BBU)

Morning. Military aircraft pilot Harston saw a bright silver object about the angular size of the moon. (Project 1947; McDonald list)

July 7, 1947; Hickam Field, Hawaii (BBU)

9 a.m. Civil Service employee Saito saw a large silver balloon-like object with silvery disc [attached?] immediately beneath it without attaching cables slowly ascending to the NW at 6,000 ft. (McDonald list; FOIA; FUFOR Index)

July 7, 1947; Muroc Army Air Field, Calif. (BBU)

10:10 a.m. AAF experimental test pilot Major Jowell C. Wise while powering up an XP-84 jet on the runway looked up where others were looking and saw to the N a yellowish-white sphere about 5 10 ft diameter oscillating in a "forward whirling" motion without losing altitude at about 10,000 12,000 ft altitude moving W to E at about 200-225 mph. [Sightings at Muroc next day.] (FOIA)

July 7, 1947; Willow Springs, Illinois

A very notable incident occurred around noon, when Robert Meegan and his 14 year old son John heard a buzzing noise overhead. They were working in the fields on their farm near the Des Plains River not far from the Argonne National Laboratories. Looking up they saw "13 round objects all going east, single file in a straight line." They described the objects as round with flat bottoms estimated about as big as a house and bluish-grey in color. They stated that the craft flew on a straight and level course toward the east. (Ref 2 page 73)

July 7, 1947; Lakeland, Florida (BBU)

Bet. [?] 1-2 p.m. (EST). Sign painter saw 5 round shiny objects in the NE climbing at 7,500 ft; shrill noise heard. (Battelle/BBSR14 ?; Mary Castner/CUFOS)

July 7, 1947; Pacific Ocean off Fort Bragg, California

3:10 p.m. Two witnesses were surf fishing and observed a flat, glistening object approach them from the ocean. They could not estimate its height as it was dropping rapidly and finally hit the water approximately a quarter of a mile off shore with an enormous splash. It was traveling at a high rate of speed, and just before it hit the water, they heard a humming sound. The object floated for a few minutes and then appeared to have sunk. Estimated to be the size of a large truck tire. (Carl Feindt)

July 7, 1947; Decatur Alabama

Around 6:00 pm Lucile Hullet and Kenneth Patterson witnessed a UFO from their front yard in Danville. The UFO was about ¼ mile south of their location and at 1,000 to 1,500 off the ground. The saucer was so bright, it hurt the observers eyes. The UFO was moving at 100 to 150 mph and heading west to east. The sighting lasted several minutes. ("Flying Discs Are Seen Over Danville", by Frank Heflin; The Decatur Daily, Decatur, Alabama, July 8, 1947, Tuesday, Page 1 [article attached] submitted by John S. Chase)

July 7, 1947; Arlington, Virginia (BBU)

Bet. 10:30 and 11 p.m. (EDT). AAF Lt. Col. Cobb saw a "blob," the size of a small airplane, reflecting white light flying at less than 500 ft above ground to the SE at about 1,350 mph. (FOIA; FUFOR Index)

July 7, 1947; Phoenix, Arizona (BBU)

Sighting and photograph of a gray, elliptical object about 20-30 feet in diameter with a visible canopy; object moving at an estimated 400-600 m.p.h., spiraled down from about 2,000 feet, then went upward at a 45 degree angle, making no sound while within view. Analysis based on camera data indicated a diagonal size of about 40-50 feet. (Rhodes photos, Project SIGN "Initial Report," chart, Incident No. 40)

July 7, 1947; Tacoma, Washington

Bloecher's case 547, from his book, is a humanoid report.

July 7. 1947. Lakeland. Florida (BBU)

Bet. [?] 1-2 p.m. (EST). Sign painter Griffin saw 5 round shiny objects in the NE climbing at 7,500 ft; shrill noise heard. (Sparks; Battelle/BBSR14 ?; Mary Castner/CUFOS; Saunders/FUFOR Index)

July 8, 1947; 698, outside of Houston, Texas

Case 698, from Bloechers' book, is another humanoid report.

July 8, 1947; Los Angeles (near), California

Cat 11, F-51 pilot (M)

Fran Ridge:

According to Captain Edward Ruppelt, the top secret "Estimate of the Situation", which was... that the UFOs were interplanetary, listed the following case as one which suggested that conclusion.

July 8, 1947; Muroc Army Air Field, Calif. (BBU)

9:45 a.m. (PDT). AAF 1st Lt. Joseph C. McHenry, T/Sgt Joseph Ruvolo, S/Sgt Gerald E. Nauman, and Miss Jannette Marie Scotte at 10:00 a.m., saw two saucer or disc shaped objects, silver and apparently metallic, fly a wide circular pattern [?] at about 7500-8000 ft at 350-400 mph heading 320° (about NW) toward Mojave, Calif. Before the first 2 objects disappeared a 3rd similar disc or spherical silver object reflecting sunlight was seen, with additional 5 witnesses, to the N flying tight circles at about 7,000-8,000 ft beyond capability of known aircraft, maintaining altitude. No sound or trails. 3-4 mins. [See sightings at Muroc later in the day and previous day.]

July 8, 1947; Muroc Army Air Field, Calif. (BBU)

11:50 a.m.-12 noon. AAF experimental test pilot Capt. John Paul Strapp, Mr. Lenz from Wright Field and 2 others in an observation truck at Area 3 of Rogers Dry Lake for a P-82 ejection seat test saw a round silver or aluminum-white object at first thought to be a parachute, about 25 ft wide, falling from a height below the 20,000 ft of the test aircraft at 3x the rate for an ejection seat test, drifting horizontally toward Mt. Wilson (to the S) at less than 50-80 mph, which when close to horizon appeared to have an oval outline with 2 thick fins or knobs on the upper surface which seemed to rotate or oscillate, no propellers, slowly disappearing below the mountain tops in the distance after 90 secs.

July 8, 1947, Muroc Army Air Field, Calif. (BBU)

Noon. Others witnesses independently, including Muroc CO Col. Signa A. Gilkey and engineer Major Richard R. Shoop and wife saw from a different location 5-8 miles away to the N [?] the apparently same falling object, thin metallic aluminum colored and the size of a pursuit aircraft [50 ft?], reflecting sunlight and oscillating, descend to ground level, then rise again and move slowly off in the distance for a total of 8 mins. No sound or trail. [See sightings at Muroc earlier and later in the day and previous day.] 8-mins. (FOIA; Vallée Magonia 60)

July 8, 1947; 40 miles S of Muroc Army Air Field (BBU)

4 p.m. Exactly four hours later the pilot of an F-51 was flying at 20,000 feet about 40 miles south of Muroc Air Base when he sighted a "flat object of a light reflecting nature." He reported that it had no vertical fin or wings. When he first saw it, the object was above him and he tried to climb up to it, but his F-51 would not climb high enough. All air bases in the area were contacted but they had no aircraft in the area. (Exact and complete quote from Ruppelt p. 22)

July 8, 1947; Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

5:30 p.m., HST. More than 100 Navy men watched an oblong shaped object over the base at Pearl Harbor. It was described by most witnesses as "silvery colored, like aluminum, with no wings or tail, sort of round or oblong-shaped, and moving both slow and fast." The object was "very high," and moving westward toward Honolulu in "alternating bursts of speed" and in a "slow, zigzagging" flight path. Among the Navy men reporting the object were Yeoman 2c Ted Purdue, 21, of McClain, Texas; Yeoman 1c Douglas Kacherle, 22, of New Bedford, Mass.; Seaman 1c Donald Ferguson, 19, of Indianapolis, Indiana; Yeoman Morris Kzamme, 13, of LaCrosse, Wisconsin; and Seaman Albert Delancey, 19, of Salem, West Virginia. Navy officials at the base reported that they had begun an investigation of the reports. A check of balloon flights was made and it was learned that at 4:35 p.m. a weather balloon had been sent aloft from the Honolulu Airport, but had risen quickly and was carried off to the south. (Case 769, The UFO Wave of 1947)

July 8, 1947; Norfolk, Virginia

11:30 PM. On this night a young boy, Billy Turrentine, aged 13/14, managed to photograph a UFO he claimed to be flying across the sky when he was sitting out on the front porch of his apartment. He observed a "grey, almost black" object of large size flying across the sky at a high rate of speed going in a SW to NE direction. He described the large object as if it was "rocking and spinning like a football" and like a "burned crisp". Billy claimed that this large object was also followed by two smaller objects proceeding in the same direction. A white mist was thought to have been followed by all three of the objects. Billy also claimed that the objects were at a much higher altitude and speed (600 miles per hour at an estimated 5000 feet) than that of any plane seen in Norfolk. Photographers have claimed that despite Billy having an old camera, he did a fine job capturing the flying saucer. Billy was interviewed by a Special Agent (unnamed) on the 8th of August regarding this occurrence

July 9, 1947; Bet. Meridian and Boise, Idaho (BBU)

12:17 p.m. (PDT). Idaho Statesman aviation editor and former (AAF) B-29 pilot Dave Johnson flying in an Idaho Air National Guard AT-6 saw a black disc, standing out against the clouds, make a half-roll then a stair-step climb. Object the size of a 25-cent coin [at arm's length?]. (Berliner, Sparks, Wilson)

July 9, 1947; Midland, Michigan

Shortly after 5:00 p.m. EST. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Edward Lane were picking berries when they heard a kind of "puff" noise nearby. Looking up, they saw a ball of white, sparkling fire, like a 4th of July sparkler, about the size of a bushel basket, no more than a hundred feet away. It was hovering several feet above a stretch of sand. After about 10 or 15 seconds, the fiery object "went out," and the object vanished. The only thing remaining was a peculiar dark substance on the sand, and some metallic fragments. The report, from the Air Force files, is explained as a "Possible hoax." (IV 2) Analysis does not, as such, constitute any proof of a hoax. On the contrary, it seems to confirm that something of an unusual nature did occur, although it does not seem on the face of it to be necessarily connected with UFOs. According to a letter from Lt. Colonel Barnett B. Young, dated August 18, 1947, the incident, while classified as a hoax, "was not initiated by the observer." (Bloeche Case 802, FBI docs)

July 9, 1947, North Hollywood, California

A report was received by the Los Angeles office of the FBI that a flying saucer had landed in the area around Redford and Magnolia Streets in North Hollywood. The saucer was described as approximately 30 inches in diameter, all metal, disc

shaped and to have a radio antenna. It was also reported to have burst into flames upon landing. An unknown woman called and "excitedly" reported that the disc had landed in her garden and began to flame. The woman phoned the fire department which took the disc to the fire station where it was held until it was transferred to "the office". The flying disc was examined and an unknown Major reported that the object was most definitely a hoax. (FBI docs, Lara Elliott)

July 9, 1947; Grand Falls, Newfoundland (BB)

11:30 p.m. Eric Kearsay, a Newfoundland Constable, arrived home and was asked by his wife if he saw the "flying saucers." Just minutes earlier, his wife, his mother-in-law, and Mr. John Jackman saw four round shaped objects flying in an easterly direction. Mr Jackman said that the objects were flying side by side at a terrific rate of speed. As Eric Kearsay looked skyward, he, his wife and Mr. Jackman saw a round object like a huge jellyfish with a phosphorous glow flash across the sky in a rocking motion. The direction of this object was not stated. (Dan Wilson)

July 10, 1947; Harmon Field, Newfoundland, Canada (BBU)

Bet. 3 and 5 p.m. [or 5:30 p.m. (ADT)]. Cat. 8. Three ground crewmen, A. R. Leidy, J. N. Mehrman, and J. E. Woodruff, of Pan American Airways, briefly saw a translucent disc or silvery wheel-shaped object the size of a C-54 transport fly very fast at 10,000 ft, leaving a dark bluish-black trail, then ascend and cut a path through the clouds. Photo. (Berliner; FOIA)

July 10, 1947; Near Ft. Sumner, New Mexico (BBU)

4:47 p.m. Dr. Lincoln LaPaz with wife and 2 teenage daughters were driving W on Hwy 60 when they saw a sharply outlined, white ellipsoidal seemingly luminous 200 ft object (± 40 ft, major/minor axis ratio 2.45) wobbling in the distance to the W [probably 272° azimuth initially] about 25 miles away (± 5 miles; distance from triangulation of the cloud bank by driving around it by about 90° over 50 miles along Hwy 84 and weather data). Object about 30 secs almost motionless at a low speed of about 150 mph (± 30 mph) then disappeared behind a cloud at 273° azimuth elevation 1° but reappeared 5 secs later further to the right, or N, and higher at 275° azimuth 2° elevation, about 1 mile distance traveled thus an average speed of roughly 600-900 mph [peak velocity about 1,400 mph at about 13 gs], but no sound, no trail. Object continued to slowly drift N about 2 mins [in level flight] until disappearing in the cloud bank [at about 287° azimuth]. 2.5 mins. (LIFE Incident 2; Hynek astronomer survey Aug. 1952; etc.)

July 10, 1947; Morristown, New Jersey

Cat 8. Six daylight discs observed from aircraft.

July 11, 1947; Twin Falls, Idaho

2:45 am. An unknown woman (name blacked out in FBI files) heard a noise in the back of her home and thought a collision had occurred, so she went to investigate and found a disc 30-1/2" in diameter, circular in shape and "dished like a saucer" in the back garden of the home next door. On the surface of the disc a plastic cone was attached described as about 14 inches in diameter and fixed on with 8 bolts "in a rather rough manner". On the other surface another dome, described as metallic and gold and silver in colour. Three tubes were observed going through the plastic dome, these tubes resembling radio tubes with writing on them. The disc was 10 inches thick and 14 inches thick where the domes are located. (FBI doc, Lara Elliott) According to details found in the Tulsa Daily World newspaper of July 12th, four boys aged from 15 to 16 years spent two days making the disc, which measured 30-1/2" across. The boys planted the disc in Thompson's house garden at about 10 PM the previous night. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos).

July 11, 1947; Elmendorf Air Base, Anchorage, Alaska (BBU)

11:00 a.m. (AHST). AAF Col. Bruce H. Perry and Major William E. Geyser, 59th AACS Group, saw a round 2-3 ft or 10 ft aluminum or silver-metallic spherical object travel at great speed to the S at estimated altitude of 3,000 to 4,000 ft, below scattered clouds at 10,000 ft. (Sparks; Lara Elliott/NICAP website;

FBI files; BB files; McDonald list; FOIA; Saunders/FUFOR Index) 15-20 secs 2 witnesses 1/2 Full Moon

July 12, 1947; Sand Point Naval Air Station, Washington

6:35 p.m. Seaman John C. Kennedy, Seaman Ben Bobberly reported a disc-like object observed flying overhead headed east toward Kirkland over Lake Washington. Silvery, perfectly round and made no noise. Reported to officers on base. (Jan Aldrich, Bloecher Case #835)

July 24, 1947; Squantum Naval Air Station, Massachusetts

Morning. Joseph Muka, Seaman 2c, John Francis Nihen, aerographic. During routine weather check on the Operations Building a highly polished silver ball hurtled thru the air between about 8 to 10 thousand feet at a speed of 300 mph and raising in NW direction. It was not a weather balloon. (Gross Supplement to Supplements, page 40-41 Quincy, (MA) Patriot-Ledger 24 July 1947, page 1).

July 28, 1947; Bt. Mountain Home & Boise, Idaho

8:34 p.m. Crew of a Seattle-bound United Airlines Mainliner DC-3 reported disc-like object in the sky at estimated 9,010 feet as twin-engine liner was flying at 7,500 feet. CAA said no other planes in the area where pilot Givian said he saw the disc. (Newsclipping, Dan Wilson)

July 29, 1947; Canyon Ferry, Montana (Helena?) (BBU)

12:05 p.m. Observer Madden and two others saw hovering and fluttering, rising and descending 3 ft gleaming and shimmering object heading NE at 3,000 ft height at tremendous speed. (McDonald list; FUFOR Index)

July 29, 1947; Hamilton Field, Calif. (BBU 69)

2:50 p.m. (local). Assistant Base Operations Officer Capt. William H. Ryherd and ex-Air B-29 pilot 1st Lt. Ward Stewart saw for unknown length of time two round, shiny, white objects with estimated 15-25 foot diameters, fly 3-4 times the apparent speed of a P-80, also in sight, (or at 750 mph), at 6,000-10,000 ft heading S or SE at 120°. One object flew straight and level; the other weaved from side-to-side like an escort fighter. (Berliner; FOIA; FUFOR Index)

Bloecher:

By the end of July the sighting rate was about one per day and by August it was down to several per week. (Newspapers reported a few sightings in other countries as well.)

Capt. Edward J Ruppelt:

"By the end of July (1947) The UFO security lid was down tight. The few members of the press who did inquire about what the Air Force was doing got the same treatment that you would get today if you inquired about the number of thermonuclear weapons stock-piled in the U.S. atomic arsenal. . . (At ATIC there was) confusion almost to the point of panic." (Report on Unidentified Flying Objects, p.39)

Michael Swords:

As July wore on into August, (Lt. Col. George D.) Garrett, (General) Schulgen, and (FBI's liaison officer to the AAF/AF) S. Wesley Reynolds became confused by a lack of interest and pressure emanating from the high echelons of the Pentagon. The previous year they had gone through an investigative furor about a subject that they considered to be similar to the flying discs, when hundreds of ghost rocket reports came out of Sweden and other European countries. In 1946, the top brass had exerted continuous pressure to find an answer, but now it had gone completely quiet. This puzzling void has been termed the silence from topside. It was very peculiar to Garrett and the FBI. Their mutual suspicion was that the very highest officials knew what this phenomenon was already (Swords, 1991).

July 30, 1947, "FLYING DISCS"

The following pages are a portion of Colonel Garrett's Estimate Report. This is a rough draft of the report. The finalized version has not been located. Page 8 mentions "lack of topside inquiries, when compared to the prompt and demanding inquiries that have originated topside upon former events, give more than ordinary weight to the possibility that this is a domestic project, about which the President, etc. know." Page three text is known but the actual doc page is still being sought.

NARA-PBB1-14 - Aug to Dec

August, 1947; Media, PA
Cat 11, Boyce Case, (M)

Sometime in August, 1947; Danforth, IL
Labeled a hoax by Col. McCoy, this object found on Illinois farm was neither a crashed disc nor a portion of a Mogul balloon.

Aug. 4, 1947; NW of Bethel, Alaska (BBU)
Sunset. Pilot Capt. Jack Peck and copilot Vince Daly flying a DC-3 saw a smooth surfaced black object larger than a DC-3 with no visible means of propulsion cross their flight path at 500-1,000 ft height. They averted collision, then turned in pursuit at 170 mph but the object flew out of sight [to the NW at about 500 mph]. [Additional witness Johnston??] (FOIA; Project 1947; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 4, Everett 1947; (or 10 miles NW of Boston), Mass. (BBU)
4 p.m. Pan Am airliner pilot Powell and navigator White saw a bright orange or deep-gold colored cigarette-shaped (or elliptical) object 15 ft long 2-3 ft wide flying at 150 (or 175) mph at 7,000 ft to the E at about 110° magnetic. (Project 1947; McDonald list; FOIA; FUFOR Index)

August 6, 1947; Myrtle Creek, Oregon
Approx. 6:15 pm. A pilot (whose name has been deleted from FBI files) was instructing a student in a take off. Just as the student was about to take off, the pilot noticed an object in the sky about 5,000 - 8,000 feet in the air. The sky was known to be completely clear and visibility for the pilot was excellent. He stated that the object "glistened" and appeared to be of "aluminium sheeting". As he noticed the strange object he immediately took over the controls, which at that time was at about 400 feet, and proceeded East in an attempt to continue to observe the object. The pilot advised that the object was climbing and travelling East at a high speed which he estimated as 1,000 miles per hour. He believed the object to be of a spherical shape and recalled a darker object to the right of it when he first saw it. No vapor trails or noise was observed from the object. After around 10 minutes of observing the object, the pilot made another landing and take off and in practically the same position at 400 feet both the pilot and the student observed the object just as they had seen it before. The pilot estimated the sphere to be about 30 feet in diameter and stated that the first time they saw the object, it was so close they could fly right into it. These sightings made were verified by the student, but the student estimated the sphere to be 50 feet in diameter. (FBI files, Lara Elliott)

Aug. 6, 1947; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Bt. 10:30 -10:45 PM. An unknown woman was sitting on the steps outside her home when she spotted a white object pass in the sky at a very high rate of speed. The woman was facing N and the object was said to be travelling S. There was a buzzing sound coming from the object, it was not a loud buzzing sound but it was definitely audible. The object left a trail of thin smoke of a greyish color. The woman was said to have been talking to another individual when their conversation was stopped abruptly as the woman noticed the object and the woman appeared frightened. Another party of people who were outside their home but facing E, also saw an object. They claimed that the object was emitting a bluish-white flame. This group of people also stated that the object was travelling NE to SW. The object was approximately 1000-3000ft in the air and

travelling at speeds of around 400-500 mph. No smoke or trail was left by this object according to this party but there was a faint hissing sound. Thirdly, another man and his wife spotted an object which the man thought resembled a "giant firecracker". This object was said to have passed quickly in a S direction with no noise. The witnesses claimed the object did, however, leave a fiery trail for about 100 ft. The conditions of this night were said to be clear. (Lara Elliott, FBI UFO Docs, PDF 4 of 16, Pg. 22-24, 45+46, newspaper article)

August 11, 1947; St. Louis, Missouri

The witness was a veteran commercial pilot who later became an A&E mechanic with aviation inspection authorization. He was seeing some dark specks growing in the sky going South and North in vertical Vee formation with one on a point and the others stepped above and below in trail. The location of the sighting was the outskirts of St. Louis, during softball game. The objects were soon discerned as disc-shaped, nine in number, approaching at some 25,000 feet and doing about 1,000 mph in the cloudless, cobalt-blue heavens. At arm's length the discs appeared to be the size of grape. Dark on one side and light colored on the other, the objects flipped in unison every two seconds. Both teams and some 25 spectators watched with great interest. The ballplayers were an excellent collection of witnesses with one team consisting entirely of aircraft ground instructors and the other team made up of pilot and aircraft mechanic students. 230. (UFOs: A History 1947, Loren Gross)

August 12, 1947; Seattle, Washington

2:20 PM. Mr Bruce Armstrong, along with a number of other engineers at Boeing Aircraft, spotted an object, said to have sounds like a fluttering leaf. The object was black or dark blue in color and was travelling at around 15 mph. No distance was determined between the object and Armstrong. (Lara Elliott, Newspaper article:, posted on the 13th August) in the Seattle Post Intelligencer titled "Blue Triangle Latest Thing Seen In Disks"; FBI UFO Docs, PDF 4 of 16, Page 6+7,48 [linked above]}

Aug. 13, 1947; Redmond, Washington

Approx. 9 a.m. A Mr. Sid Decker claims to have seen two very bright objects, travelling at extreme speed. These objects were sighted just outside the city post office. Decker describes the objects as having no wings, no tail, and that both ends were tapered. He also described the objects as looking like a "belly tank". The objects were said to have been completely noiseless and they were headed in a NE direction. Decker described one object to have been a bit behind and a little above the other object. The two objects were travelling at equal rates of speed for about 8 seconds after which they disappeared from sight. Mr. L. R. Brummett was the original witness of these two objects. He noticed the objects and informed Decker. Brummett described the objects to be flying at a 45 degree angle also in a NE direction. He claimed that they were travelling 3 times faster than a plane. He also described the objects to have no wings, no tail, to be tapered at both ends and to look like aluminium. (Lara Elliott, FBI UFO Docs, PDF 4 of 16, Page 29+30)

Aug. 13, 1947; 40 miles SW of Twin Falls [at Salmon Dam]. Idaho (BBU)

9:30 a.m. County Commissioner L. W. Hawkins and Mr. Brown while fishing saw 2 disc-shaped objects 6 ft diameter reflecting light and making the echo of a motor, at 4,000-6,000 ft flying at high speed. (McDonald list; FOIA; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 13, 1947; Snake River (9 miles NW of Twin Falls), Idaho (BBU)

1:00 p.m. Snake River 6 miles W of Blue Lake Ranch, 9 miles NW of Twin Falls, Idaho. A. C. Urie on land and 2 sons Billy and Keith 300 ft away in a boat, all on the S side of the river or river bank looking to the N, saw a squeezed or elongated straw-hat shaped sky-blue object about 10 x 10 x 20 feet, with pods on the side emitting flames, about 1/2 mile away fly towards them down the canyon at 1,000 mph E-W at 75 ft height, with a contour following motion up and down over uneven terrain, trees swaying underneath with a circular motion, disappearing with a swish sound. Urie was about 300 ft from the object which was

about level with him about 75 ft above the river, and silhouetted against the canyon wall 1,200 ft away, disappearing behind a hill about 1 mile away. Object was at about 45° elevation to the boys on the river below him, disappearing behind trees. 5-secs? (Battelle Unknown No. 9)

Aug. 14, 1947; Harmon Field, Newfoundland, Canada (BBU)
10:40 a.m. 3 AAF airmen with the 147th AACS Sq. saw 2 small crescent-shaped objects pass over them on a zigzag path at 2x jet speed [1,200 mph?] heading W at about 1,200 ft disappearing into clouds, a few secs later a same or similar object emerged from the clouds and continued to the W. (FOIA)

Aug. 14, 1947; 5 miles S of Placerville, Calif. (BBU)
4 p.m. Insurance adjuster Switzer saw a metallic highly-polished chromium surface object 4-6 ft wide 10-14 inches thick, rounded slightly on top larger in the front, leaving a white trail, at 500-1,000 ft height traveling at high speed. (McDonald list; FOIA; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 14, 1947; Friuli, Italy
Time not given. Professor R. L. Johannis was on a rock-hunting expedition in the mountains in the extreme NW part of Italy. He emerged from a stand of trees & saw, on a rocky riverbank, a large red object that seemed to be shaped like a lens. The witness & the creatures approached one another, but when they were a few paces apart, they stopped. Witness felt paralyzed. Two creatures, about 3 feet tall, heads larger than normal human. No hair. Tight-fitting brown caps. Noses straight & long. Eyes large, protuberant, & round; yellow-green in color with a vertical pupil like a cat. Hands had 8 fingers & seemed to be opposed. Randle/Estes reliability rating: 6

August 19, 1947; Wtin Falls
Witnesses first spotted a single disc zooming in a NE direction followed a short time afterward by flight of 10 disclike objects in triangle formation. Within minutes a trio of discs, also in triangle formation, came into sight on the same course. Almost before witnesses could catch their breath, another triangle formation, this time consisting of 5-6 objects traced a path across the heavens going in an identical direction as their fellow sky travelers. On the heels of this manifestation, one of largest flights of UFOs ever reported soared overhead, 35-50 in number, lined up in triangle formation. This group also proceeded NE. Within a half an hour small groups of discs came over the horizon at short intervals returning from the NE and fleeing in SW direction. (UFOs A History pg. 62 [243]).

Aug. 15-20 (approx.), 1947; Rapid City Air Base [Weaver?], South Dakota (BBU)
Major Hammer sitting in the parking lot near the flight line shortly after dark saw to the NW about 12 elliptical objects about the span of a B-29 (140 ft) with a yellow-white luminous glow in a tight diamond formation, approaching in a shallow descent, level off at about 5,000 ft altitude [height?] at 300-400 mph, make a gentle 110° turn to its right about 4 miles away climbing to the SW, accelerating rapidly. No sound or trail. 1 min? (FOIA; FUFOR Index)

August 15, 1947

America had succumbed impressively to the saucer story in few respects, according to the Gallup Poll of August 15, 1947, which found that public awareness of the aerial mystery had reached 90% leaving such famous newsmakers like the Marshall Plan and the Taft-Hartley labor bill far behind in the ratings, but when tested about the possible explanations to the riddle, prosaic answers claimed lion's share of the percentages. Most took liking to possible secret weapons, balloons, hoaxes, etc. Nothing was said about "alien visitors," not even measurable 1% toyed with the concept. 241. (UFOs A History 1947 pg 61)

Aug. 18, 1947; Near Mountain Home, Idaho (BBU)

12 p.m. United Airlines Flight 147 pilot and copilot saw 2 "skeet target" shaped objects flying under the plane. (Project 1947)

FBI Memo

August 19, 1947: FBI memo to D.W. Ladd from E.G. Fitch mentioning SAC Reynolds

conversation with Lt. Col. George Garrett, re: "there were objects seen which somebody in the Government knows all about."

Aug. 19, 1947; Twin Falls, Idaho (BBU)

9:30 p.m. Housing Authority Executive Director Hedstrom saw 55 [?] [luminous?] objects in horizontal flight looking like electric lights headed NE at tremendous speed. (McDonald list; FOIA; FUFOR Index)

Aug. 28, 1947; Fukuoka, Japan

Time not given. MEW Radar Station. A target was picked up in orbit at a range of 26-30 nautical miles on a bearing of 20 to 30 degrees. Target then took a heading of 023 degrees and was tracked to a range of 54 nautical miles where it faded. The target was in a climb on this outbound course and the weather at the time was such that the climb would have to be made on instruments. Speed: 390-415 knots; altitude: 1500 feet. (Item "b" from SECRET letter, Fran Ridge, Jan Aldrich)

Late Aug. 1947?; Alamogordo [Holloman] Army Air Field, New Mexico.

AMC Watson Labs Project MOGUL engineer Rosmovski and communications officer Lt. H. G. Markley tracked a stationary target at 200 miles altitude using a modified CPS-4 radar aimed at 70° elevation. (FOIA; Loren Gross Aug-Dec 1947 SUPP p. 28)

Late Aug. 1947; Alamogordo [Holloman] Army Air Field, New Mexico (BBU 83)

AMC Watson Labs Project MOGUL communications officer Lt. H. G. Markley while watching 2 balloons with radar reflector to the SE in 10x binoculars saw traveling at "unprecedented rate of speed" a round white object in horizontal light S to N several thousand feet over the tops of Sacramento Mtns. [Case falsely explained by AF as false radar targets when no radar observation was involved.] (FOIA; Mary Castner/CUFOS; Loren Gross Aug-Dec 1947 SUPP p. 28; July-Dec 1949 orig)

Sept. 3, 1947; Lake Oswego, Oregon. (BBU 85)

12:15 p.m. (PDT). Housewife Mrs. Raymond Dupui saw 12-15 round, silver objects fly an unstated pattern for unknown length of time. (Berliner; FOIA)

Sept. 8, 1947; Logan [Salt Lake City?], Utah (BBU)

10:30 or 11 p.m. Anderson and Hall saw 5 groups of a total of 12 [?] white or yellowish objects traveling at high speed to the N at 2,000-3,000 ft height, faster than birds, size of pigeons [?] (Battelle/BBSR14 ?; Mary Castner/CUFOS; FUFOR Index; FBI files, Lara Elliott)

Sept. 13, [11? 12?], 1947; Midway Island to Oahu, Hawaii, past Necker Island (BBU)

6:58 p.m. Pan Am airliner crew [military air flight?] saw a bright light with no blue or red tinge split in 2 move towards the plane then disappear [first heading 350° then 109° at 9,500-10,000 ft traveling at 1,000 knots or about 1,200 mph]. [Possible meteor?] (McDonald list; Project 1947; FOIA; FUFOR Index; Mary Castner/CUFOS)

Sept. 16, 1947; Fukuoka, Japan

Time not given. MEW radar station. A target was picked up at a range of 89 miles on a bearing of 040 degrees (Point C). Target was tracked on an incoming course to a range of 19 miles and a bearing of 045 degrees at which point it faded out. The nearest known operational U.S.S.R. air bases are on the east coast of Korea at 39° 10' North Latitude and 127 degrees 29' East Longitude and Haeju on west coast of Korea at 38° 02' North Latitude and 125 degrees East Longitude. The range to these oases from Fukuoka is 360 nautical miles. Genzan is classified as having permanent runways of 4500-6000 foot length, and was highly operational by the Japanese. Haeju has one runway of approximately 4000 foot length, probably surfaced. It is therefore reasonable, to assume that the U.S.S.R. is utilizing the facilities at these bases to the utmost, since the location is strategically between Vladivostok to the north and the U.S. occupied areas of Korea to the south. A recent report from the U.S. XXIV Corps, evaluated F-3, states "a new type aircraft on Haeju airstrip North Korea. "This aircraft

emitted black smoke on take-off, but was not identified as jet propelled." Speed: 840 - 900 mph (730-780 knots); altitude: 10,000 - 20,000 feet. (Item "c." from SECRET AAF letter, Fran Ridge, Jan Aldrich.

Sept. 17, 1947; Ft. Richardson, Alaska (BBU)

Two Army officers saw a 2-3 ft silver sphere traveling S at tremendous speed below the 10,000 ft cloud cover.] (McDonald list; Mary Castner/CUFOS) [Now resolved as a mistake, a duplicate of the July 11, 1947, case].

Sept. 17, 1947; Rix Ledges north of Lebanon, New Hampshire

On this date, an unknown individual reportedly observed a flying saucer. This occurred as he/she was half way up Rix Ledges. The individual claims to have seen the flying saucer while watching the honey bees. The witness describes the saucer to be "as large as a tennis ball" and "as white as cotton batting". The object approached rapidly and noiselessly from the East and was followed by another object closely. The second object appeared in the size and shape of a saucer and maintained a constant angle of inclination to the ball and followed it at a constant distance. The two objects made an angle of about 5 degrees to the individuals eye. The objects were in their sight for more than a minute until vision was lost in the glare of the sun. (FBI document)

Sept. 20, 1947; off the coast of San Diego, California

The Coast Guard were told that a flaming object had fallen into the sea off that coast, but no check of airports revealed any missing liner or plane, and the Observatory at Griffith Park did not think it was any sort of meteor. Further inquiry elicited the fact that the object maneuvered, and for some time. (Carl Feindt)

SECRET letter, September 23, 1947

On September 23, 1947, the chief of the Air Technical Intelligence Center, one of the Air Force's most highly specialized intelligence units, sent a letter to the Commanding General of the then Army Air Forces. The letter was in answer to the Commanding General's verbal request to make a preliminary study of the reports of unidentified flying objects. The letter said that after a preliminary study of UFO reports, ATIC concluded that, to quote from the letter, "the reported phenomena were real." The letter strongly urged that a permanent project be established at ATIC to investigate and analyze future UFO reports. It requested a priority for the project, a registered code name, and an over-all security classification. ATIC's request was granted and Project Sign, the forerunner of Project Grudge and Project Blue Book, was launched. It was given a 2A priority, A being the highest priority an Air Force project could have. (Ruppelt)

AMC letter to Commanding General - See Exhibit #3

Sept. 26, 1947 SECRET memo for Asst Chief of Staff

An interesting 3-page SECRET letter from HQ AAF 26 Sept 1947 regarding three radar incidents listed on this chrono..

Oct., 1947; Dodgeville, Wisc. (BBU 91)

11:00 p.m. A civilian observed a "saucer" moving slowly to the south at an altitude of about 2 miles. All at once the object in a sudden burst of speed (faster than a plane) circled from right to left in a huge circle. Observation lasted about one hour. (Berliner, Dan Wilson)

Oct. 8/9, 1947; Las Vegas, Nevada (BBU)

[AAF reserve Capt. Moore saw an object traveling at 700 mph leave an almost white smoke/vapor trail and change direction from SE to W.] (McDonald list; FOIA; FUFOR Index)

Oct. 12, 1947. Guadalupe, Mexico (BBU)

9:30 a.m. (CST). Numerous witnesses saw a cigar-shaped, blue and silver color

fireball trailing blue flame heading E to W plunge to earth resembling an errant V-2 rocket and appearing to head for impact in the Zamalayuca Mtns. with a billow of smoke and loud explosion. Mexican Army reserve Capt. Aranda saw the fireball from the Hernandez Torres filling station near Caseta and saw it disappear over the sandhills near Colonia Reforma. No meteorites or other remains found in searches. (Sparks; Loren Gross, Jul-Dec 1947 p. 38; 1947 pp. 69-71; SUPP Aug-Dec 1947 pp. 44-45; Mary Castner/CUFOS; Saunders/FUFOR index)

Oct. 14 [12?], 1947; 11 miles NNE of Cave Creek, Ariz. (BBU 95)
12 noon (MDT). Ex-AAF fighter pilot J. L. Clark, civilian pilot Anderson, third man saw 3-foot "flying wing," black against the white clouds and red against the blue sky, flying straight at an estimated 380 m.p.h., at 8,000-10,000 ft, from NW to SE. 45-60 secs. (Berliner)

Oct. 20, 1947; Xenia, Ohio (BBU)
11 a.m. Atkinson saw a round 1 ft object at 1,500 ft heading SW on a straight course. (McDonald list; FOIA; Mary Castner/CUFOS)

Oct. 20, 1947; Dayton, Ohio (BBU)
1:20 p.m. Farmer Britton saw 2 cigar-shaped objects reflecting brilliant sunlight traveling W to E on a straight course at high speed about 1 mile height in trail formation about a city block apart emitting a slight vapor trail, disappearing suddenly. (McDonald list; FOIA; Mary Castner/CUFOS)

October 21, 1947; Transmittal of EEI on alleged "flying Saucer"

Oct 28, 1947 Intelligence Requirements on Flying Saucer Type Aircraft, SECRET
Schulgen Memo

Nov. 2, 1947; Houston, Texas (BBU)
Daybreak. Immigration Service [agent?] Brimberry saw an almost round or oval or saucer-shaped object with bright light [?] about 100 ft [?] diameter spinning in its descent. (McDonald list; FOIA; FUFOR Index)

Nov. 3 (or 4), 1947; Vaughn (near), New Mexico
Approx 8:00 pm. Basketball-Sized object explodes near colonel.

Nov. 5, 1947; Persian Gulf
Crewmen aboard the oil tanker Chipola were said to have sighted eight saucer-shaped objects whizzing through the air a mere half mile away while the vessel made its way through the warm waters off Arabia. As the sailors watched, the objects in question climbed out of sight gaining height while in an echelon formation. (UFOs A History 1947; 284. 75)

Nov. 12, 1947; 40 miles N [S?] of Cape Blanco, Oregon, 20 miles off coast (BBU)
Early morning. USS Ticonderoga USN 2nd Officer Williamson saw 2 balls of fire with a fiery trail headed NW at 700-900 mph. [Probable meteors.] (McDonald list; FOIA; FUFOR Index)

Nov. 15, 1947; Wichita, Kansas (BBU 2224)
7:02 a.m. USAF Maj. R. L. Wallander, Capt. Belleman, A/3c Phipps saw an orange object (a blue streak?) varied in shape, as it made jerky upward sweeps with 10-15 sec pauses. 3-5 mins. (Berliner)

Nov. 15, 1947; Wichita, Texas (BBU)
8:25 p.m. USAF B47 crew and passengers saw an elliptical blue-white object with orange or red tail, moving erratically. (BB Status Rpt?) [Same case as above??]

Dec. 8, 1947; Las Vegas, Nevada
Moving reddish UFO emitted flash of light, shot upwards out of sight. [XII]

December 18, 1947 Memorandum For The Record [statement of the reality of flying discs]

Dec. 30, 1947; 1 mile W of Pilot Hill, Calif. (BBU)
7:25 p.m. (PST). Crew of McClellan Field C-47 saw a high speed low altitude object trailing red, green and other colored flames headed E over hills. At 7:37 another C-47 crew sent to investigate found the triangular fire area with 2 points emitting bright blue-green flames at the position reported by the first crew. At 7:58 the first C-47 crew found this growing ground fire about 7 miles E of Pilot Hill, going out at 9:55 p.m. If flight path data was reversed to E to W this might be the "Green Dragon" Fireball, a possible precursor to the Green Fireballs. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich FOIA; BB files)

Dec. 30, 1947; Sawtooth Nat. Forest, Idaho (BBU)
7:26 p.m. (PST). Pilot AF Lt. Col. W. W. Jones, and copilot Major A. A. Andrae, both of the Air Transport Command (Eastern Pacific Wing, Pacific Division) flying a C-54 from Great Falls to Fairfield-Suisun Field at 13,000 ft saw a high speed object trailing green and blue flames descending vertically at their 2:30 o'clock position, but slowing just above the ground. Possibly the "Green Dragon" Fireball, a possible precursor to the Green Fireballs. (Sparks; Jan Aldrich FOIA; BB files) 2 secs

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The following story of what I observed over the Cascade mountains, as impossible as it may seem, is positively true. I never asked nor wanted any notoriety for just accidentally being in the right spot at the right time to observe what I did. I reported something that I know any pilot would have reported. I don't think that in any way my observation was due to any sensitivity of eye sight or judgment than what is considered normal for any pilot.

On June 24th, Tuesday, 1947, I had finished my work for the Central Air Service at Chehalis, Washington, and at about two o'clock I took off from Chehalis, Washington, airport with the intention of going to Yakima, Wash. My trip was delayed for an hour to search for a large marine transport that supposedly went down near or around the southwest side of Mt. Rainier in the state of Washington and to date has never been found.

I flew directly toward Mt. Rainier after reaching an altitude of about 9,500 feet, which is the approximate elevation of the high plateau from which Mt. Rainier rises. I had made one sweep of this high plateau to the westward, searching all of the various ridges for this marine ship and flew to the west down and near the ridge side of the canyon where Ashford, Washington, is located.

Unable to see anything that looked like the lost ship, I made a 360 degree turn to the right and above the little city of Mineral, starting again toward Mt. Rainier. I climbed back up to an altitude of approximately 9,200 feet.

The air was so smooth that day that it was a real pleasure flying and, as

most pilots do when the air is smooth and they are flying at a higher altitude, I trimmed out my airplane in the direction of Yakima, Washington, which was almost directly east of my position and simply sat in my plane observing the sky and the terrain.

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There was a DC-4 to the left and to the rear of me approximately fifteen miles distance, and I should judge, at 14,000 foot elevation.

The sky and air was clear as crystal. I hadn't flown more than two or three minutes on my course when a bright flash reflected on my airplane. It startled me as I thought I was too close to some other aircraft. I looked every place in the sky and couldn't find where the reflection had come from until I looked to the left and the north of Mt. Rainier where I observed a chain of nine peculiar looking aircraft flying from north to south at approximately 9,500 foot elevation and going, seemingly, in a definite direction of about 170 degrees.

They were approaching Mt. Rainier very rapidly, and I merely assumed they were jet planes. Anyhow, I discovered that this was where the reflection had come from, as two or three of them every few seconds would dip or change their course slightly, just enough for the sun to strike them at an angle that reflected brightly on my plane.

These objects being quite far away, I was unable for a few seconds to make out their shape or their formation. Very shortly they approached Mt. Rainier, and I observed their outline against the snow quite plainly.

I thought it was very peculiar that I couldn't find their tails but assumed they were some type of jet plane. I was determined to clock their speed, as I had two definite points I could clock them by; the air was so clear that it was very easy to see objects and determine their approximate shape and size at almost fifty miles that day.

I remember distinctly that my sweep second hand on my eight day clock, which is located on my instrument panel, read one minute to 3 P.M. as the first object of this formation passed the southern edge of Mt. Rainier. I watched these objects with great interest as I had never before observed

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airplanes flying so close to the mountain tops, flying directly south to southeast down the hog's back of a mountain range. I would estimate their elevation could have varied a thousand feet one way or another up or down, but they were pretty much on the horizon to me which would indicate they were near the same elevation as I was.

They flew like many times I have observed geese to fly in a rather diagonal chain-like line as if they were linked together. They seemed to hold a definite direction but rather swerved in and out of the high mountain peaks. Their speed at the time did not impress me particularly, because I knew that our army and air forces had planes that went very fast.

What kept bothering me as I watched them flip and flash in the sun right along their path was the fact that I couldn't make out any tail on them, and I am sure that any pilot would justify more than a second look at such a plane.

I observed them quite plainly, and I estimate my distance from them, which

was almost at right angles, to be between twenty to twenty-five miles. I knew they must be very large to observe their shape at that distance, even on as clear a day as it was that Tuesday, In fact I compared a zeus fastener or cowl tool I had in my pocket with them - holding it up on them and holding it up on the DC-4 - that I could observe at quite a distance to my left, and they seemed smaller than the DC-4; but, I should judge their span would have been as wide as the furthest engines on each side of the fuselage of the DC-4.

The more I observed these objects the more upset I became, as I am accustomed and familiar with most all objects flying whether I am close to the ground or at higher altitudes. I observed the chain of these objects passing another high snow-covered ridge in between Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams

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and as, the first one was passing the south crest of this ridge the last object was entering the northern crest of the ridge.

As I was flying in the direction of this particular ridge, I measured it and found it to be approximately five miles so I could safely assume that the chain of these saucer like objects were at least five miles long. I could quite accurately determine their pathway due to the fact that there were several high peaks that were a little this side of them as well as higher peaks on the other side of their pathway.

As the last unit of this formation passed the southern most high snow-covered crest of Mt. Adams, I looked at my sweep second hand and it showed that they had travelled the distance in one minute and forty-two seconds. Even at the time this timing did not upset me as I felt confident after I would land there would be some explanation of what I saw.

A number of news men and experts suggested that I might have been seeing reflections or even a mirage. This I know to be absolutely false, as I observed these objects not only through the glass of my airplane but turned my airplane sideways where I could open my window and observe them with a completely unobstructed view. (Without sun glasses)

Even though two minutes seems like a very short time to one on the ground, in the air in two minutes time a pilot can observe a great many things and anything within his sight of vision probably as many as fifty or sixty times.

I continued my search for the marine plane for another fifteen or twenty minutes and while searching for this marine plane, what I had just observed kept going through my mind. I became more disturbed, so after taking a last look at Tieton Reservoir I headed for Yakima.

I might add that my complete observation of these objects, which I could even follow by their flashes as they passed Mt. Adams, was around two

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and one-half or three minutes -- although, by the time they reached Mt. Adams they were out of my range of vision as far as determining shape or form. Of course, when the sun reflected from one or two or three of these units, they appeared to be completely round; but, I am making a drawing to the best of my ability, which I am including, as to the shape I observed these objects to be as they passed the snow covered ridges as well as Mt. Rainier.

When these objects were flying approximately straight and level, they were just a black thin line and when they flipped was the only time I could get a judgment as to their size.

These objects were holding an almost constant elevation; they did not seem to be going up or coming down, such as would be the case of rockets or artillery shells. I am convinced in my own mind that they were some type of airplane, even though they didn't conform with the many aspects of the conventional type of planes that I know.

Although these objects have been reported by many other observers throughout the United States, there have been six or seven other accounts written by some of these observers that I can truthfully say must have observed the same thing that I did; particularly, the descriptions of the three Western [Cedar City, Utah] Air Lines employees, the gentleman [pilot] from Oklahoma City and the locomotive engineer from Illinois, plus Capt Smith and Co-Pilot Stevens of United Air Lines.

Some descriptions could not be very accurate taken from the ground unless these saucer-like disks were at a great height and there is a possibility that all of the people who observed peculiar objects could have seen the same thing I did, but, it would have been very difficult from the ground to observe these for more than four or five seconds, and there is always the possibility of atmospheric moisture and dust near the ground which could distort one's vision.

I have in my possession letters from all over the United States and people who profess that these objects have been observed over other portions of the world,

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principally Sweden, Bermuda, and California.

I would have given almost anything that day to have had a movie camera with a telephoto lens and from now on I will never be without one - - but, to continue further with my story. When I landed at Yakima, Wash., airport I described what I had seen to my very good friend, Al Baxter, who listened patiently and was very courteous but in a joking way didn't believe me.

I did not accurately measure the distance between these two mountains until I landed at Pendleton, Oregon, that same day where I told a number of pilot friends of mine what I had observed and they did not scoff or laugh but suggested they might be guided missiles or something new. In fact several former Army pilots informed me that they had been briefed before going into combat overseas that they might see objects of similar shape and design as I described and assured me that I wasn't dreaming or going crazy.

I quote Sonny Robinson, a former Army Air Forces pilot who is now operating dusting operations at Pendleton, Oregon, "What you observed, I am convinced, is some type of jet or rocket propelled ship that is in the process of being tested by our government or even it could possibly be by some foreign government."

Anyhow, the news that I had observed these spread very rapidly and before the night was over I was receiving telephone calls from all parts of the world; and, to date, I have not received one telephone call or one letter of scoffing or disbelief. the only disbelief that I know of was what was printed in the papers.

I look at this whole ordeal as not something funny as some people have made it out to be. To me it is mighty serious and since I evidently did observe

something that at least Mr. John Doe on the street corner or Pete Andrews on the ranch has never heard about, is no reason that it does not exist. Even though I openly invited an investigation by the Army and the

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FBI as to the authenticity of my story or a mental or a physical examination as to my capabilities, I have received no interest from these two important protective forces of our country; I will go so far as to assume that any report I gave to the United and Associated Press and over the radio on two different occasions which apparently set the nation buzzing, if our Military intelligence was not aware of what I observed, they would be the very first people that I could expect as visitors.

I have received lots of requests from people who told me to make a lot of wild guesses. I have based what I have written here in this article on positive facts and as far as guessing what it was I observed, it is just as much a mystery to me as it is to the rest of the world.

My pilot's license is 333487. I fly a Callair airplane; it is a three-place single engine land ship that is designed and manufactured at Afton, Wyoming as an extremely high performance, high altitude airplane that was made for mountain work. The national certificate of my plane is 33355

/s/ Kenneth Arnold
Box 587
Boise, Idaho

They seemed longer than wide, their thickness was about 1/20th their width

Mirror Bright

They did not appear to me to whirl or spin but seemed in fixed position traveling as I have made drawing.

/s/
Kenneth Arnold

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Dryden's SR-71B Blackbird, NASA 831, slices across the snow-covered southern Sierra Nevada Mountains of California after being refueled by an Air Force tanker during a 1994 flight. SR-71B was the trainer version of the SR-71. The dual cockpit to allow the instructor to fly.

An SR-71B trainer over the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California in 1994. The raised second cockpit is for the instructor.

Role Strategic reconnaissance aircraft

National origin United States

Manufacturer Lockheed, Skunk Works division

Designer Clarence "Kelly" Johnson

First flight 22 December 1964

Introduction January 1966

Retired 1998 (USAF), 1999 (NASA)

Status Retired

Primary users United States Air Force

NASA

Number built 32

Unit cost

\$34 million[1]

Developed from Lockheed A-12

The SR-71 Blackbird is a supersonic reconnaissance aircraft. It was built by Lockheed's "Skunk Works" in the 1960s for the United States Air Force (USAF). In other words, it was a spy plane.

Design

The Blackbird was designed to fly at more than Mach 3 – three times the speed of sound. This meant it would become very hot during flight. To help with this, most of the aircraft was made of titanium. Radar absorbing material was also used to make the aircraft more difficult to detect.

SR-71 Blackbird used a special fuel called JP-7. Before the flight, the fuel tanks used to leak. This is because at ground altitude the tolerances (distance between parts of the fuel tank) were larger than at the plane's cruising altitude. Once in the air, because of the speed and air resistance, the parts became very hot. Because of this heat, the distance between the parts shrank stopping the loss of fuel.[2]

The aircraft also had cameras and radars fitted to take photographs of targets.

History

The first Blackbird flight happened on December 22, 1964 in Palmdale, California. In January 1966, the first aircraft entered service with the USAF. No aircraft were lost in war but one crashed in an accident in 1969. Only 32 aircraft were built. Its final flight was on March 6, 1990, Blackbird S/N 61-7972. The SR-71 program was retired from service in 1998.

Records

The aircraft flew at an altitude of over 80,000 feet (24,000 m) and at speeds over 2,190 miles per hour (3,520 km/h). It held the world record for the jet-powered flight, flying at Mach 3.2.[3] The record was broken in March 2004 by NASA's X-43A aircraft.

Specifications (SR-71A)

Orthographically projected diagram of the SR-71A Blackbird.

Data from Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird[4]

General characteristics

Crew: 2; Pilot and reconnaissance systems officer (RSO)

Length: 107 ft 5 in (32.74 m)

Wingspan: 55 ft 7 in (16.94 m)

Height: 18 ft 6 in (5.64 m)

Wheel track: 16 ft 8 in (5 m)

Wheelbase: 37 ft 10 in (12 m)

Wing area: 1,800 sq ft (170 m²)

Aspect ratio: 1.7

Empty weight: 67,500 lb (30,617 kg)

Gross weight: 152,000 lb (68,946 kg)

Max takeoff weight: 172,000 lb (78,018 kg)

Fuel capacity: 12,219.2 US gal (10,174.6 imp gal; 46,255 L) in 6 tank groups (9 tanks)

Powerplant: 2 × Pratt & Whitney J58 (JT11D-20J or JT11D-20K) continuous-bleed afterburning turbojets, 25,000 lbf (110 kN) thrust each

JT11D-20J 32,500 lbf (144.57 kN) wet (fixed inlet guide vanes)

JT11D-20K 34,000 lbf (151.24 kN) wet (2-position inlet guide vanes)

Performance

Maximum speed: 1,910 kn (2,198 mph; 3,537 km/h) at 80,000 ft (24,000 m)

Maximum speed: Mach 3.32[N 1]

Ferry range: 2,824 nmi (3,250 mi; 5,230 km)
Service ceiling: 85,000 ft (26,000 m)
Rate of climb: 11,820 ft/min (60.0 m/s)
Wing loading: 84 lb/sq ft (410 kg/m²)
Thrust/weight: 0.44
Avionics
3,500 lb (1,588 kg) of mission equipment

Itek KA-102A 36-48 in (910-1,220 mm) camera
SIGINT and ELINT equipment in the following compartments

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D - right chine bay
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S - left aft mission bay
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Notes

Maximum speed limit was Mach 3.2, but could be raised to Mach 3.3 if the engine compressor inlet temperature did not exceed 801 °F (427 °C).[5]

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Kenneth Arnold's Flying Saucer Philosophy

(Originally published on Blue Blurry Lines, March 15, 2017, as UFOs, Kenneth Arnold and the American Bible.)

Kenneth Arnold was the original credible witness, a straight-shooting, down-to-earth ex-Boy Scout. Jacques Vallee wrote, "I now think of referring to the (flying saucer) problem as 'the Arnold Phenomenon' after that celebrated witness, businessman Kenneth Arnold." (11 April 1963 entry, Forbidden Science Volume I.) However, in the years since, Arnold's role as the herald of the UFO age has been diminished by the overemphasis and promotion of the Roswell crash franchise. His role is important, and there's a lot more to his story.

Shortly after his encounter, Arnold had the first of many other sightings on his flight to Maury Island, a trip that began his informal role as the first

civilian UFO investigator. He became interested in Charles Fort's books of phenomena and joined the Fortean Society. Over the years, he came to believe that the objects he'd seen were living creatures, possibly related to "Ezekiel's wheel" described in the Book of Revelation. There's a lot more to Kenneth Arnold's story than just his first sighting, but UFO history has largely ignored it.

Ray Palmer and an Amazing Book

UFO historians have sought to diminish or deny the role of another pioneer, Raymond A. Palmer, who was promoting the reality of extraterrestrials space ships visiting the Earth as early as 1945. Palmer was a science fiction author, but interested in the reality of space travel, Fortean phenomena, Theosophy and all sorts of paranormal topics, so in 1948 he created a non-fiction magazine to discuss them, Fate magazine. Palmer wrote to Kenneth Arnold and persuaded him to tell his story, which became the cover feature for the first issue of Fate. As a result, the two men became life-long friends and worked together, the best-known example being their collaboration on the 1952 book, The Coming of the Saucers.

In 1945 Ray Palmer became fascinated with something that's been called the American Bible,

"... an amazing book called 'Oahspe' which purports to be a history of the past 79,000 years, both of the earth and of heaven... which ties into a cohesive whole all the legends and folktales of the world, and all the archeological discoveries of the past, and depicts a logical and convincing, and for the most part provable relationship between all the races of mankind for LONGER than science says civilized men existed on the earth, or even cave-men!" (Amazing Stories December 1945)

"Oahspe, A New Bible in the Words of Jehovih and His Angel Embassadors" was published in 1882, by John Ballou Newbrough supposedly written by automatic writing, channeling the word of Ormazd, "the Creator." In The UFO Phenomenon: Fact, Fantasy and Disinformation, John Michael Greer describes it's significance to UFOs and the extraterrestrial hypothesis.

"Like many channeled works, Oahspe defies easy characterization. Written in the style of the King James Bible, it combines Christian imagery with ideas borrowed from many other religions... What sets it apart most strikingly from the religious visions of a previous century, though, is the way it locates its theology in outer space. Its angels and gods live on countless planets... and travel from world to world in Ethereal vessels that range from little scout craft to vast mother ships the size of a planet."

Ray Palmer's Mystic Magazine, May, 1954

These vessels are referred to as fire, sun and "star-ships." An example from Oahspe: "Then Osire left this high place and with his host, aboard the ethereal ship of fire, sat out toward the earth, at break-neck speed; for such was the disposition of this most determined god."

Ray Palmer promoted the text in the pages of his magazines over the years, and went on to publish three versions of it between 1960 and 1972, writing that, "Oahspe is truly a gateway to understanding."

Arnold's Souvenir Card

In 1950 Kenneth Arnold published The Flying Saucer as I Saw It, an the illustrated pamphlet to be sold as a souvenir at his lectures on the topic. He used the same saucer image for a calling card. His daughter, Kim Arnold wrote: "Kenneth Arnold used to give out philosophy cards to the many people he would meet. They were the size of a common business card. The front of the card had the image of the second to the last of the nine flying saucers he saw on June 24, 1947. The back of the card expressed this quote:"

Many people have inquired as to my philosophy - due to my involvement in

the phenomenon known as "Flying Saucers." The following I accept is worth thinking about.

A great man is the unbelieving man; he is without spiritual sight or spiritual hearing; his glory is in understanding his own understanding. It is he who subdues the forest, tames the beasts of the field to service. He goes alone in the dark, unafraid. He follows no man's course, but, searches for himself; the priests cannot make him believe, nor the angels of heaven; none can subdue his judgment. He says: why permit others even priests, to you think for you? Stand on your own feet - be a man. Through his arm are tyrants and evil kings overthrown. Through him are doctrines and religions sifted to the bottom and the falsehood and evil in them cast aside. Who but the Creator could have created so great a man as the unbeliever?

KENNETH ARNOLD

It's an unusual piece of writing, not what you'd expect out of a man like Arnold. It turns out the language is taken from scripture. It's taken from Ray Palmer's beloved Oahspe.

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26. Nevertheless, the Creator created a great man amongst these; and such is the unbelieving man. He hath neither gold nor silver, nor house nor land; and he is without spiritual sight or spiritual hearing; but his glory is in understanding his own understanding.

27. He it is that subdueth the forest, and tameth the beasts of the field to man's service. He goeth alone in the dark, fearing naught. He followeth not the course of any man, but searcheth for himself; the priest cannot make him believe, nor can the angels of heaven; none can subdue his judgment. He beholdeth the glory of the earth and of manhood. He calleth to the multitude, saying: Why permit ye others, even priests, to think for you? Arise, O thou, and be a man! Arise, O thou, and be a woman!

28. He inspireth of the earth and for the earth; through his arms are tyrants and evil kings overthrown. Through him are doctrines and religions sifted to the bottom, and the falsehood and evil in them cast aside. Yea, who but Ormazd could have created so great a man as the unbeliever?

We can't know exactly how Arnold came to use the Oahspe text on his calling card, but there can be little doubt that his friend, Ray Palmer, was influential in its genesis.

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Thanks for this post. I was unaware of Arnold's interest and involvement in Metaphysical teachings. I would note one correction is needed in the second paragraph. The Book of Revelation is attributed to John (with scholars debating which John may be correct), and Ezekiel is a prophet from the Hebrew Bible who described a vision of "four living creatures," cherubim that some have connected to UFO sightings.

Reply

John W. Morehead June 23, 2022 at 4:39 PM

Thanks for this. I was previously unaware of Arnold's Metaphysical interests and commitments. One correction is needed in your second paragraph. The Book of Revelation is attributed to John, whereas Ezekiel is a prophet in the Hebrew Bible who describes a vision of "four living creatures," cherubim who are sometimes equated with UFO sightings by some UFOlogists.

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If you super impose the tip of this mountain/hill onto the alleged image, it matches up perfectly.

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u/VCAmaster avatar

VCAmaster

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3y ago

This post is a hoax, maybe.

You manipulated the photo with clone tool, it seems, in addition to other manipulation to make this seem like a perfect fit, when it's actually not.

<https://imgur.com/a/EboR6Km>

The mountain is convex on the top left, whereas the object is concave. In the "overlay" there is no trace of the convex part of the mountain, so manipulation was required in that spot to make it match.

<https://29a.ch/photo-forensics/#clone-detection>

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u/MKULTRA_Escapee avatar

MKULTRA_Escapee

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3y ago

Just another probability argument. See this one from the other day: It looks almost exactly like a certain kind of arrowhead:

https://www.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/wn0k19/im_nor_trying_to_pull_a_mick_west_here_but/

Since humans have created trillions of things, of course you're going to be able to find objects that resemble it. Similarly, there are so many different angles of mountains and hills, the odds you'll be able to "match" it up somewhere are way higher than you think. When you discover a resemblance like this, you have to keep in mind that your underlying argument is that you're saying this is too much of a coincidence, but with a very large body of things to compare to, of course you'll eventually be able to match it up to something. It can be man made objects, landscapes, art, science fiction, etc.

What are the odds that you will eventually be able to match this up either to man made things, landscapes, art, science fiction, or nature made things? It only takes one hit in one of these areas to "debunk" a UFO photo. Out of trillions upon trillions of things to compare to, of course it will resemble something eventually. That doesn't actually mean anything, though.

I have a more in depth post on this here.

Edit: I'll even throw this in there. It also resembles a supposed top secret aircraft from a few decades ago:

https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/wo7i53/was_the_calvine_ufo_a_human_military_hypersonic/

In the simplest terms, how could it be a landscape, and arrowhead, a rock in a pond, a kite, and a top secret aircraft all at the same time? Eventually somebody is going to come up with a convincing debunk, but it doesn't mean

they're correct. It means they are exploiting the odds to get to that point in order to discredit a UFO photo, making it seem like too much of a coincidence when it's actually not.

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3y ago

I can't say I agree fully. You can use this logic to say something may be similar but if you find something of the same angle, lining up perfectly with the same characteristics from the same area then it no longer becomes wild stabs in the dark - it becomes a realistic probability. I understand what you mean though I just personally don't think it applies here.

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u/MKULTRA_Escapee avatar

MKULTRA_Escapee

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3y ago

What do you mean it matches up "perfectly?" It most certainly does not. The first image you posted shows the differences between the two. It's the coincidence aspect of this that is fooling you. You think it's way too much of a coincidence, therefore hoax, so any small differences between the mountain and the UFO can be brushed aside, but how many mountains and hills are in Scotland? You can take a photo from a thousand different angles and perspectives of a single mountain, and a thousand different parts of that mountain, multiplied by however many mountains and hills there are.

But that's not all. You also have the option of going with all of these other areas to find another coincidence, so even if you fail at matching it up to a mountain, you can find a coincidence somewhere else. That's the point. Once you finally find that coincidence, it's going to sound convincing to you, but it really shouldn't.

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natty_bumppo3000

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Seems plausible. When people look at certain things, their life experiences and biases can distort what their brain "thinks" it sees. There are people that think Jesus "appears" to them at their breakfast table when they look at toast. Nobody other than the person that captures or creates an image really knows what the image actually is. Even super duper internet experts. Keep looking up though everyone, I really wanna see a fucking alien spaceship!

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Very very true!

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u/Quiet_Sea_9142 avatar

Quiet_Sea_9142

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3y ago

The landscape is below the fence. Where are the rest of the mountain?

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rewalker3

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3y ago

Whatever it is, I have a feeling it led to this

<https://imgur.com/gallery/uV6H72E>

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Timely_Razzmatazz989

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3y ago

Good shout.

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Perry_slush

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3y ago

I do not see the resemblance at all.

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u/SagansCandle avatar

SagansCandle

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3y ago

If you super impose the tip of this mountain

I superimposed the image and it doesn't line up perfectly.

<https://imgur.com/a/kVP2Gce>

aircraft could be any small aircraft

Grew up on an air force base - that's 100% a fighter jet. Wings are further back on a commercial aircraft's fuselage and small personal craft (e.g. Cessna) look way different. Besides, the MoD looked at the photo and was "confident it was a harrier."

The colors don't line up, either.

This is nonsense.

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u/EggMcFlurry avatar

EggMcFlurry

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I'm not understanding how the top of the hill gets flipped? If you suggest he full on doctored the photo, then why not just wrap a football in tinfoil? If he was going to fake the image then why does he need to use the surrounding land?

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I think it's highly likely just a photograph of the tip of the hill cut out of

another photograph laid onto the "blank" with the plane in it. Seems completely logical. People would rather believe it is a traveller from outer space than simply a hoax

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Edit:

What I think this image is for the record - A photograph of a plane was developed at the same time other photos taken in the same area was also taken. The hill top was cut out and laid over the "blank" photo. Another photo was then taken of this and developed which is why it's of incredibly low quality (even for the 90s it's bad). It was never classified. The RAF guy who had the photo seemed to say he "kept the best one" out of 6, unless I misread that. The phantom men who allegedly took it have never come forward and might not even exist. It's probably one of thousands of doctored photos sent to the media in the 90s but the myth grew and grew until we are here. The photo is a nothing as sad as it is to say.

*****UPDATE:

The researches have done a fantastic job finding the location the photo was taken (all credit to them):

<https://youtu.be/IgekUVzMSCc>

At 37mins you will see this very mountain/hill in the distance. I believe it's possible the photo of the mountain section AND the tree section above was taken in this very spot by the (possible) hoaxer. The front portion of the photograph I believe to be fencing section to be a different photo. The (possible) hoaxer then used black and white film stock to take a photo of the Frankenstein image so it would be harder to tell things got chopped and they can't show a green UFO can they?

Apparent location: <https://imgur.com/a/Iwt0iut>

UFO image superimposed on top of location: <https://imgur.com/a/E6ySHLm>

How can this just be explained away as pure coincidence?

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twobadmice76

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3y ago

I like your scepticism and boots on the ground research, refreshing. Some people get so caught up in the latest bombshell they can fall for anything.

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3y ago

Thanks. What are your thoughts on latest updates?

I think it's important to get some real discussion on this and be healthily skeptical. I do really believe in the phenomenon 100%.

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ParrotsPralinePhoto

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Thanks for sharing. That's very interesting and could be a possibility.

May you share if you think the reflection theory posited in this subreddit holds any water?

My thoughts (in order of what I think is most likely) are 1) could be a photo of a UAP, 2) could be a reflection, 3) could be a doctored image of a mountaintop like you said.

I read the Sheffield University report top to bottom which is why I put 3) as the last option.

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Perry_slush

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First off.. it doesn't match "perfectly" also taking into account the spot with snow. Second, you can do this with a lot of mountains and say it is a perfect match. Seems to me like you are trying to make a hoax out of the original picture...

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The reality is, it does match absolutely perfectly.

You can do this with a lot of mountains? Possibly. It doesn't matter though. The mountain is in that area.

I am not "trying" to make a hoax out of anything. I am simply hypothesising and suggesting a possible explanation and that explanation is that it is a hoax using a laughably low tech method that has captivated and fooled people for 30+ years. The mock up makes it seem like some sort of metallic craft with a clear "fighter jet" style aircraft trailing behind. It's not. It's a blurry photo of a

photo showing absolutely nothing but a weird shape that just so happens to match the tip of a nearby mountain.

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An expert at Sheffield University who specialises in pre-digital photography says it is not a hoax.

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DrWhat2003

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saying it's not a hoax doesn't mean the pic isn't simply being mis-identified by the believers

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Inevitable_Green983

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He said it was a genuine photograph taken in the 90's and identified the Kodak paper etc. More analysis is needed. My main take away is: Scotland is beautiful.

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I think he said whatever the object is, it's in the photograph. It doesn't actually prove what the object is. It's a cut out of a snip from another photo someone took. The experts analysis would still hold true if this is the way it was faked. Also, the quality of the image is extremely poor - most likely because it's a photo of a photo.

Edited for spelling

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u/Theferael_me avatar

Theferael_me

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Once you've convinced yourself that it's a hoax then the image becomes completely worthless. Mick West has even implied on his website that it didn't even originate in the UK.

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Imagine believing life forms so advanced that they can cover light years came to visit earth, but then stay just out of sight so only powerful states can control access to knowledge about them.

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u/FlyingSquid avatar
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3y ago
I just want to know why they always have lights on their craft. Why do you need lights on a spacecraft?

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u/MKULTRA_Escapee avatar
MKULTRA_Escapee

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3y ago
They don't always have lights. Almost all UFOs that emit light probably do so inadvertently. 5 points:

Some objects reflect light in the atmosphere, such as satellites (and perhaps UFOs). Why wouldn't UFOs reflect light from the sun or moon?

Some man made aircraft are mistaken for UFOs (you can't point to a mistaken "UFO" as proof that alien spaceships follow FAA regulations, for example)

Some objects heat up in the atmosphere, which causes them to emit photons, such as our reentry vehicles, and perhaps UFOs. We don't know if UFOs would heat up or not under extreme performance conditions. Perhaps they sometimes do.

Some objects emit light inadvertently due to propulsion or some other function of the craft. Man made examples include rockets and afterburners on jets.

There are alleged UFOs that shoot some kind of plasma or laser beam at the ground, at aircraft, or whatever (such as Rendlesham Forest, Belgian Wave, 1964 Vandenberg missile incident, and many other examples). A decent assumption can be made that this is not deliberately attempting to be seen, but rather some kind of tool they use for sensing/scanning things or affecting things in some way.

The only actual point being made by your question is that in some situations, some alleged UFOs appear to be lit up on purpose, whether it's a saucer with

lights flashing around the rim of it, objects that look lit up like Christmas trees, etc. In those specific circumstances, I agree it's weird, but we simply wouldn't know why. Whether it's for aesthetic purposes, sometimes just a hoax, some kind of weird deceptive behavior to confuse us or an attempt to replicate other objects they see in the atmosphere so they kind of blend in, who knows. Maybe it's like a way for them to send the message that they aren't trying to hide necessarily, don't freak out, etc. Nobody knows.

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Why isn't 'it's all bullshit' one of your options?

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u/MKULTRA_Escapee avatar

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I'm just answering your question. If you want to move on to discussing the evidence, then sure. My answer is that I don't have a way to dismiss all of the available evidence. Most of it is bullshit, yes. But I was convinced on 6 NSA whistleblowers. That was enough to tell me there was a massive illegal surveillance apparatus. On UFOs, there are literally hundreds of whistleblowers and leakers, and that's just one category of evidence.

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schad501

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Once again, I find the confusion between the probability of life in the universe and aliens visiting earth highly annoying.

Also, CIA directors are political appointments and generally have little to no expertise on general relativity.

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What gives a 'former CIA director' that scientific knowledge that would enable him to make such a pronouncement accurately?

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It's about access to data. The US military and intelligence apparatus have access to the highest quality data that exists to actually have an informed opinion on this matter.

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What makes a former CIA director qualified to analyze such data?

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Crisswell Predicts that this will be the first time certain conspiracy enthusiasts will unquestioningly accept something said by a CIA person.

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Yep

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We don't know much about aliens but we learned that their economy is entirely based on pay by the hour....

75 flipping years and they haven't left a shred of evidence yet

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What do you think we should be finding?

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Start with..anything except FLIR footage that actually looks a lot like conventional aircraft

These damn aliens are all over the place but magically they never get caught in

high resolution

Nor do they leave any physical traces...

Please don't go down this road. You don't have anything more than anyone else in the last 3 generations

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They might.

And until we find one that is a different form of life, we cannot use that as an explanation.

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HotSpinach7865

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Probably giraffes, only logical alternative

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If the Republican Party's cable network said it, I reject it based on Occam's Razor philosophy.

The video in question shows a fighter jet plume, and this is bloody obvious. Almost all of the unusual movement shown in the video is non-referential; the rest of the movement shows a jet aircraft banking, and the angle to the horizon indicator shows how sharply.

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Yeah that jet pilot would mistake it for another jet, that's not, like, something he sees everyday or anything

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Yes: it is a jet plume. It looks like a jet plume; it moves like a jet plume; there is nothing mysterious about the IR signature video recorded.

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Nope.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OXsZRc-cdGw>

Is there a way to check the actual date on your link? It just says 13 years ago.

The uploader doesn't really seem like the originator of the video to be honest.
He says "TR-3B CGI=Fake" as if he just reuploaded it and called it fake. But to
me, it seems odd that the spherical light becomes oblong for a second. I guess I
wouldn't expect that in a real video? Who knows.

Edit: here's an even earlier upload. According to google, it says "Jan 5, 2009":
<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x7xo29> And here is an archive of those google
results so you can see it. It's the third link down.

But for some reason, google doesn't say when your video was uploaded. EDIT: if
you hover over the year on your video and the dailymotion video I cited, yours
says says October 6, 2009, whereas mine say January 5, 2009. You are absolutely

incorrect.

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StevetheEveryman

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Fake. The funnest part was how a cameraman, who had the foresight to buy \$800 nightvision optics, and have NV equipped just in case he needed a shot like this, couldn't be bothered to do some basic stabilizing, or act like he knows how to do decent auto-focus zooming.

Also, if you had NV equipped, can you imagine the massive lens flare, to your light sensing optics, that would've occurred because of a sudden burst of bright white light? That's why NV is practically useless in daylight. We don't even see a shred of that at the end, so guess that's like not even a sphere of real light, or this shit is Fake.

The whole clip is garbage.

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Was the video that's titled "TR-3B CGI=Fake" uploaded by "Susan_Gough_DoD"?

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Is there any more context regarding who produced it and when? The 'flyby' footage which is still hotly contested was labeled a 'simulation' on a news piece once for instance. The waters are easily muddied with a few words, but where's the context? Not saying this video is authentic mind

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Let's just try to find the earliest upload if it still exists. This one was also uploaded 13 years ago on Mar 4, 2009: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OXsZRC-cdGw>

I can't tell what the exact date is on that dailymotion link. It just says 13 years ago, so I'm not sure which came first.

Edit: this has been sorted out, see above. The one labeled CGI was uploaded 8 months later, which means it is false to state that since the video is labeled CGI, that's "proof" it is.

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This is the same clip that Tom DeLonge showed on Joe Rogan's podcast, claiming it was real.

Edit: A lot of people seem to be taking this comment as me attempting to lend credibility to this video. This wasn't my intention as I myself believe this clip to likely be CGI. I was simply adding some extra context to the discussion.

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SteveSteveFosho

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Man that's a bummer. I've been trying hard to believe that Tom DeLonge is credible and in "the know" when it comes to this topic but this video is painfully fake. I am usually the last person to call out a video for being CGI but this one is a particularly poorly made CGI. Maybe he's a disinformation agent lol

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My eyes smell cgi. And they are good at smelling.

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The more I think about it, the more annoyed I get when he said he "can't talk about it." First off, you just did. And how can you not talk about public video taken and uploaded by a private citizen?

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That's awesome CGI. Looks pretty good for 2008

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Yeah, I do cg.. and you can tell it is by the background lights. They have that natural glow, the craft doesnt.. specially the last part the camera should be overwhelmed by it. plus I feel something weird going on with the tracking

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The parkinson filming gives it away

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That's what I thought. Looks like in a movie when they play camcorder footage and it's all over dramatic and shaky, like they're trying too hard.

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For the record, that there has been a UFO coverup is already an established fact.

There are two main, separate UFO phenomena that exist independently of one another. 1) Secret military aircraft, and 2) apparently highly technologically advanced aerial objects that outperform even our secret military aircraft.

In 1997, the CIA openly admitted that they lied about UFOs and spread propaganda to debunk UFO sightings, although they only admitted to covering up secret military aircraft. If the CIA admitted to covering up one of these, would a reasonable person believe that they wouldn't also cover up the other?

Pay close attention to the timeline here, the most important factor that reveals what was going on.

[Edit: I should have began with this:

According to Senator Barry Goldwater, UFO information (or at least some portion of it) is classified "Above Top Secret." According to a then Top Secret 1950 memo, the Canadian Project Magnet head (of a UFO program) Wilbert B. Smith was informed that "the matter is the most highly classified subject in the United States government, rating higher even than the H-bomb."

According to a January 31, 1949 FBI memorandum to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover from the FBI San Antonio field office:

"This matter is considered Top Secret by Intelligence Officers of both the Army and the Air Forces."]

The fact of the UFO coverup:

Rather than acknowledging the existence of the top-secret [U-2 and SR-71] flights or saying nothing about them publicly, the Air Force decided to put out false cover stories, the C.I.A. study says. For instance, unusual observations that were actually spy flights were attributed to atmospheric phenomena like ice crystals and temperature inversions.

'Over half of all U.F.O. reports from the late 1950's through the 1960's were accounted for by manned reconnaissance flights' over the United States, the C.I.A. study says. 'This led the Air Force to make misleading and deceptive statements to the public in order to allay public fears and to protect an extraordinarily sensitive national security project.'

<https://www.nytimes.com/1997/08/03/us/cia-admits-government-lied-about-ufo-sightings.html> (archive of article here)

They reiterated this again in a misleading 2014 tweet on the CIA twitter account. "Remember reports of unusual activity in the skies in the '50s? That was us." <https://twitter.com/CIA/status/484429844777037824>

NOTE: The claim that "half of UFOs were spy flights" is clearly not true. Not only is that claim preposterous, it has also been debunked: https://np.reddit.com/user/MKULTRA_Escapsee/comments/1bqayw0/metabunk_looks_at_the_claim_half_of_ufos_in_the/ This means that the Air Force's deliberately false explanations for UFOs were not plausibly justified in order to cover up U-2 flights. Therefore, they were just covering up UFOs.

The Robertson Panel Report lays out a very well-thought out coverup plan of UFOs in 1953, several years before the first flight of the U-2 anyway:

After a closed-door session with a scientific advisory panel chaired by H.P. Robertson from the California Institute of Technology, the C.I.A. issued a secret report recommending a broad educational program for all intelligence agencies, with the aim of "training and debunking."

Training meant more public education on how to identify known objects in the sky. "The use of true cases showing first the 'mystery' and then the 'explanation' would be forceful," the report said. Debunking "would be accomplished by mass media such as television, motion pictures, and popular articles."

That plan involved using psychologists, advertising experts, amateur astronomers and even Disney cartoons to create propaganda to reduce public interest. And civilian U.F.O. groups should be "watched," the report stated, because of their "great influence on mass thinking if widespread sightings should occur."

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/15/arts/television/project-blue-book-history-true-story.html> (archive of article here)

One criticism of this document is that it was merely a plan, not an admission of that plan in practice, but as you can see from the 1997 "CIA Study," it clearly was put into practice, but there is other supporting evidence of that. For example, I would highly recommend reviewing this 1979 New York Times article, which was based on then recently released documents through FOIA back when the act had teeth. Some excerpts:

Despite official pronouncements for decades that U.F.O.'s were nothing more than misidentified aerial objects and as such were no cause for alarm, recently declassified U.F.O. records from the C.I.A., the F.B.I. and other Federal agencies indicate that, ever since U.F.O.'s made their appearance in our skies

in the 1940's, the phenomenon has aroused much serious behind-the-scenes concern in official circles.

Even the possibility that these unknowns could be evidence of extraterrestrial visitations has been given serious attention in Government circles.

But it is the C.I.A. that appears to have played the key role in the controversy, and may even be responsible for the Government's conduct in U.F.O. investigations throughout the years.

As the cold war gave rise to the fears of the McCarthy era, official concern over U.F.O.'s even led to the surveillance of several private U.F.O. organizations (as many of their members have long insisted) and to the scrutiny of dozens of individuals suspected of subversive U.F.O. activities.
<https://www.nytimes.com/1979/10/14/archives/ufo-files-the-untold-story.html>
(archive of article here)

If you're familiar with UFO history, you'd see how absurd it is to take the CIA's "it was just our aircraft" narrative seriously. The U-2 was flying from 1955 onward, and the SR-71 in the 60s. What about the first half of the 50s, almost the entire decade of the 1940s (foo fighters, etc), and all of the sightings going back millennia? Some choice examples of historical UFO sightings here:

https://np.reddit.com/r/HighStrangeness/comments/14i2ztm/ufo_shapes_changed_over_time_seems_to_be_a_myth/ In one example, we now know that a mass sighting of a "dull, silvery disk" was witnessed in 1917, way before the modern flying saucer/UFO era, which began 30 years later, but many such sightings have occurred throughout history.

It should be noted that in a memo in 1947, General Nathan Twining wrote to Brig. General George Schulgen:

It is the opinion that:

"The phenomenon is something real and not visionary or fictitious."

"The reported operating characteristics such as extreme rates of climb, maneuverability (particularly in roll), and action which must be considered evasive when sighted ... lend belief to the possibility that some of the objects are controlled either manually, automatically, or remotely."

e. The apparent common description is as follows: (1) Metallic or light reflecting surface. (2) Absence of trail, except in a few instances where the object apparently was operating under high performance conditions. (3) Circular or elliptical in shape, flat on bottom and domed on top.
<https://archive.org/details/twinning-memo/mode/2up>

Note: Detractors will claim that Kenneth Arnold didn't actually see discs, suggesting that the entire flying saucer phenomenon was caused by "media hysteria," therefore the above document drew incorrect conclusions. However, Kenneth Arnold did appear to see flying discs (or 95 percent discs) going by his original statements, audio interview, and his original drawing he made for the Army. But since his story changed over time, people select the claims he made years later as being more accurate, even though memory fades over time, not the opposite.

Supplementary material further establishing the UFO coverup:

In a 1960 letter to Congress, Vice Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, who was first Director of the CIA (1947-1950), stated:

"Behind the scenes, high-ranking Air Force officers are soberly concerned about UFOs. But through official secrecy and ridicule, many citizens are led to believe the unknown flying objects are nonsense. To hide the facts, the Air

Force has silenced its personnel." Full New York Times article:
<https://imgur.com/a/ljgfJyx> (Paywalled link:
<https://www.nytimes.com/1960/02/28/archives/air-forge-order-on-saucers-cited-pamphlet-by-the-inspector-general.html>)

If anyone was in a position to know what was really going on in the late 1940s, it was him.

Former Bluebook chief Edward Ruppelt was the first to reveal the existence and a summary of the proceedings and conclusions of the Robertson Panel Report in his 1956 book. The report was released years later. He also revealed several other then secret documents, including the 1948 Estimate of the Situation, which stated that the extraterrestrial hypothesis was the best explanation for flying saucers. This estimate was sent up the chain of command and subsequently destroyed, never to see the light of day.

Ruppelt also stated:

...It was the typical negative approach. I know that the negative approach is typical of the way that material is handed out by the Air Force because I was continually being told to "tell them about the sighting reports we've solved—don't mention the unknowns." I was never ordered to tell this, but it was a strong suggestion and in the military when higher headquarters suggests, you do. -The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects, by Edward J. Ruppelt, Air Force Director of Project Grudge and Blue Book [1956] - Chapter 5, page 62.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek (who later believed UFOs were non-human technology) was a government UFO debunker and scientific advisor to UFO studies from 1947-1969 (Sign, Grudge, and Bluebook). He later came clean about his involvement in the UFO coverup, stating Bluebook was told not to get the public excited, "don't rock the boat." Whenever a case came up that they could explain, let that out to the media/public. But for cases that were very difficult to explain, do everything you can to keep the media away from it. Bluebook had a job to do, rightly or wrongly, to keep the public from getting excited:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pyDVR2B14dw> After learning of the Bolender memo, Hynek remarked that "he felt very used."

According to the Bolender memo, any UFO reports which could affect national security went into a separate system from the public "Project Blue Book." There was a coverup within the coverup. Even those people responsible for studying UFOs and covering them up were themselves victims to yet another coverup.
https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/urxzi5/stanton_friedman_on_usaf_brigadier_general/

Similar statements about UFO reports bypassing the BB system were made in AF documents going back to 1958-61, when similar efforts to justify closure of BB were made then. In an interview on March 16, 2000, retired BB chief Col. Robert J. Friend told me that he knew there were classified intelligence channels for reporting UFO's that completely bypassed BB and he knew of specific UFO cases involving classified sensor systems that were reported that way and never went to him at BB. UFO's were reported to the AF operational commands in accordance the AF's Operational Reporting system, AFOPREP, under AF Manual 55-11 of 1965 and predecessors, and this supplanted the UFO reporting directives that had sent UFO reports to BB. http://www.nicap.org/waves/bolender_memo3.htm

Here is Colonel William T. Coleman and Colonel Friend on the history of Blue Book and the mysterious disappearance from Bluebook of good UFO reports. Colonel Coleman states that while flying, he himself was basically "right on top" of a UFO, a "run of the mill flying saucer," but when he went looking for his report in the Bluebook files, it was nowhere to be found:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6kjhZKNt8w>

Note that the government claimed in 1969 they were no longer interested in studying and collecting information on UFOs. The above declassified Bolender

memo proves that false.

From 1952 to 1954 (press release available one year later), Bluebook commissioned the Battelle Memorial Institute to analyze 3,200 UFO reports. This was known as Project Bluebook Special Report 14. They concluded that over 20 percent of the thousands of cases they looked at could not be identified after attempts to debunk them. The higher the quality of case, the more likely it could not be explained. A full third of the cases in the "excellent" category could not be identified. However, a fact such as this was detrimental to what they were trying to accomplish, so in 1955, the government put out a misleading press release on the study that only 3 percent of reports were unknowns, and the report itself wasn't available for many years. In the press release, they further claimed that if they had more information, that 3 percent would probably disappear, but this is directly contradicted by the findings of the report itself. The better the information and witnesses, the less likely they could explain the case. Why lie about it?

Actual conclusions of the report: of all cases, 22 percent were unknowns. 42 percent explained with certainty. 27 percent doubtfully explained. 9 percent insufficient information to make a determination.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project_Blue_Book#Project_Blue_Book_Special_Report_No._14

The original press release can be seen here, Oct 25, 1955:
<https://imgur.com/a/82GLY6r> Source here, page 43:
http://www.cufos.org/books/Air_Force_Project_Blue_Book_Special_Report_14R.pdf

Remember that the U-2 didn't even fly until after Bluebook 14 was completed. So what was flying around up there?

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Edit 2: added information on Goldwater, Smith, and an FBI memo. Fixed links.

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The way they try claiming the U2 & SR 71 explains away most sightings is bs. I think it's a possibility that Kelly Johnson, & Lockheed development of those specific aircraft was a result of studying UFOs. Here Kelly Johnson himself talking about a UFO sighting & bringing in the USAF to study this. I think alot of these guys got very wealthy from reverse engineering tech from these craft is

partly responsible for all the secrecy. Not public outrage, national security, greed. Pretty much EVERY Aerospace company was secretly involved in this research, especially Lockheed. Also hilarious that the CIA contracted McDonnell Douglas in '70, to mimic UFOs. Project Skylite it was called

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I tend to agree with that assessment for the simple fact that another civilization would likely be millions, perhaps billions of years more advanced. Reverse engineering that would be akin to a caveman trying to reverse engineer an iPhone. It's going to take hundreds or thousands of years at the very least, if not longer, before we have real success overall, but there probably has been a small amount of progress in certain areas, maybe like with metamaterials.

Eric Davis is also on audio talking about this here: <https://youtu.be/x4-JfM4rkRY>

Ross Coulthart, formerly of 60 Minutes Australia, has his own sources, including Nat Kobitz, the "chief geek for the US Navy" who admitted he was read into a UFO crash retrieval program, personally studied such highly technologically advanced debris, and was briefed that there were bodies. Kobitz stated "I could not explain what it was. Those metals were bonded at the atomic level."
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9sBE2pfPdlo> Coulthart also says he has spoken to over 20 sources who are aware of an attempt by the US to back-engineer such

technology, and all of those people claim there was no real success. Because of this, Coulthart says he is "absolutely certain that the United States has recovered non-human technology."

And of course Leonard Stringfield, who had like 50 sources, which he covered in his books.

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Oh yea, I believe that for the most part they haven't quite cracked the code, but it's pretty obvious they know how things work at the very least. Ben Rich has alluded to this, Dr Robert Woods, Dir of McDonnell Douglas has as well. I think some physical material, such as nitinol was one of the few successes. The program, led to ARPANET, as well as getting the laser past just the theoretical phase as far as telecommunications go.(Dr CharlesKao/ITT)

IMHO, The lack of progress is partly the level of advancement of whomever created said exotic materials that these programs recovered being at least a few hundred thousand years ahead of our current knowledge. But alot of it is the result of the ultra-secrecy surrounding the phenomenon in general. The cover-up whether one argues it was for the good of the people,which I doubt, or just because the powers that be saw the potential for profit, influence,(RAND Corp is of the most influential organizations in the world) or superiority over other countries, it's come back to bite them in their ass for sure.

The scientific community claims there's no hard evidence of a topic they're scared to study, or even acknowledge publicly. Fear of ridicule from mainstream sciencd/academia as a result of purposely stigmatizing this subject + compartmentalization & lack of cooperation from competing Aerospace companies = running into a brick wall.

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Wilson only found one program. There could be many programs, all analyzing different pieces or different craft or whatever. If they work as described they

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Great research here MK, thanks for the refresher course!!

Don't forget the 69 Condon Report "Trick" memo that Edward Condon wrote that turns up & was supposed to provide an unbiased report on what threat UAP were, & their conclusion stating exactly what the Air Force/government wanted it to say. Nothing to see here, move along.

Too many coincidentally slanted arguments for blatant ignoring of valid evidence not to look at a government coverup.

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100% in agreement here. Condon Report such bs, it was 1969 when they claimed there was nothing to the phenomenon, & that all scientific work on the UFO problem, henceforth should make reference to the Condon Report. Meanwhile, in Dep Director of McDonnell Douglas documents there's a section called Competitors Efforts explaining the other major Aerospace companies involved in UFO programs, and Dr Woods states

"Hughes (10 men at Fullerton under Meiers);

-Lockheed Sunnyvale;

-Rand has proposed project (as have several other companies); Several companies have UFO related efforts.

-Raytheon has had computer project from Condon (U. of Colo)"

So Raytheon was literally at the headquarters of the Condon Report, engaged in scientific research of UFOs. In direct contradiction to the report released a YEAR before.

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This is good information here. Didn't realize all that was happening during this period. Thanks for the additional research!👍

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After seeing this, I didn't realize how bad the numbers really were. In reality, approximately 54% of all cases fall into unexplained or poorly explained areas. If Swamp Gas is considered a "solved" or "known cause" case, I'd strongly dislike to see what "doubtfully explained" looks like.

The reality is that this study was funded, a fall guy provided with the name Hyneck, and they solved very few sightings. I'm sure if they had any kind of aircraft in the remote area at the time of the sighting, it was marked "explained with certainty".

Example: Case number BS-69 New Orleans, La.

Witness: "At about 7:00 PM(1900 hrs military)I saw a UFO hover over Lake Ponchatrain, only 50 feet above it. A light came out the bottom and it almost looked like it was vacuuming water."

BlueBook explanation: Witness saw a test run of the U-2 Spy Plane, flying at 50,000 feet over Biloxi, which is only about 90 miles east, at 1800 hrs. Case closed with certainty.

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Yea, pretty much. I hinted at that a little bit here regarding AARO:

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They admit in the report they released that if they characterize a UFO as balloon-like or drone-like, that doesn't mean it was actually a balloon or a drone. UFOs are often debunked by simply picking the closest thing they can think of that is similar to it just like meteorites were explained as thunderstones and rocks thrown from volcanoes.

And this: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project_Blue_Book#Hynek's_criticism

And that is on top of the fact that a UFO sighting that affects national security was handled in an entirely separate channel, bypassing bluebook. The real percentage of "actual UFOs" could be as high as 30 percent or more, at least after subtracting low quality garbage that isn't worth paying attention to, which should be part of everyone's analysis of UFOs.

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Great read! Very comprehensive and informative. The same powers that be who lied and covered this up for decades are now giving us "disclosure", I say we should be just as skeptical as to the veracity and motives for said disclosure knowing their track record.

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Absolutely agreed, but I would be careful to separate what is coming officially from the government versus what has been leaked.

For example, the narrative that the DoD authorized the release of those original three Navy videos is extremely misleading. Not only was the Flir1 video already leaked in 2007, then incorrectly "debunked" as CGI, the other two videos were also leaked. In fact, the majority of the other officially recorded videos we have, such as Aguadilla, Nellis, and others, were also leaked. See these citations:

https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/qx0oz8/why_so_fewno_credible_leaks_of_hard_evidence/hl6jfo5/

Some have said that they probably only gave us crappy videos on purpose, but it also appears that the "rotating glare" theory for the Gimbal video is incorrect: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9lQkxMkW8>

Some examples of shady tactics used to discredit Elizondo, such as by deleting his emails that could have proven or disproven some of his claims:

https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/ul9x4n/why_i_think_lue_knows_some_of_the_innermost/i7ugddy/

I sympathize with people who think government personnel apparently coming out on their own could be disinformation agents. How could I know either way? But so many of them have come out, the idea that most of them are disinformation agents is a much bigger conspiracy theory with apparently zero leaks, and therefore less likely than the incompetent coverup theory, which has many hundreds of leaks, something expected from large conspiracies. See here:

https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/u9v40f/abc_news_the_us_government_is_completely/ (edit: unless you count Doty, an alleged smaller operation, and allegedly Von Braun, who both still claimed that some UFOs are extraterrestrial. I don't know the legitimacy of the Von Braun situation. I'm not aware of anybody who allegedly blew the whistle that any substantial portion of the whistleblowing is disinformation, but even if there were one or two, it would still be far simpler to argue that those people are themselves disinformation agents muddying the

waters)

In my opinion, a lot of people in government, since many of them are probably themselves just recently learning about all of this as well, have their own unofficial "disclosure" going on, and the coverup group is just trying to hold back as best as they can. They seem to make concessions when you push them into a corner. Those navy videos were officially released after they were already public. For another example, the Robertson Panel Report was released after Ruppelt revealed it in his book.

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That was just to further bolster my argument. I was primarily interested in letting people know that the us government admits to giving deliberately false explanations for UFO sightings, something that UFO buffs know very well, but is probably contested by noobies. If you would have read further down the post instead of stopping after a couple of sentences, you'd see that this actually is a historical fact. The US government itself declassified the proof of both the UFO coverup and the blatant lie they told the public in 1969. Not to mention all of the peripheral information that lines right up with that.

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If you're familiar with UFO history, you'd see how absurd it is to take the CIA's "it was just our aircraft" narrative seriously.

Forgive me - I'm a first hand UFO witness, not a Believer so a lot of these conventions strike me as somewhat quaint, but - why is this in any way more absurd than accepting the basis for your hypothesis is telling the truth - only to a point - and then completely theorizing about the perceived missing "other side" to the story about UFO's?

Not to put too fine a point on this - as individuals were all lovely people, witty, intelligent - fun, even - but as group the UFO Community is a joke - no threat to anyone, certainly not the DoD, the Government and certainly not the CIA.

This community thinks its tenable , whatever faction, deems us such a threat to nations darkest secrets its sensible to go to any lengths to keep them covered up....

But yet, here we all are. Knowing all about them. Talking about them.

Can you understand the inherent problem I have here? I don't think UFO's exist - I bladdy know they do, I once stood not terribly far away from one and even underwent the head ache to prove it and not for a short time either.

I have actually no problem with the idea the CIA would use Flying Saucers as a way of passing off sightings of actually classified aircraft - most especially during the Cold War. I lived through that, I have a pristine memory of how actually scary the 50's-80's were.

Could these same people actually have covered up genuine UFO sightings by passing them off as classified projects?

Of course they could - there's no way to prove that they didn't but - even if they did, it's not necessarily to say these incidents were actually realised to be genuine UFO sightings simply presumed to be miss-identifications of classified projects and so passed off as such without actually realising they may actually have been UFO's to begin with.

It doesn't necessarily follow there's a sinister motive here - you administer a sub testament to the fact people misidentify perfectly ordinary, prosaic things all the time - convinced that what they saw and filmed was extraordinary and remarkable.

They're not.

A lot of these exact kinds of reports probably would have got swept up under the category of MFO and presumed miss-identification of classified inventory - look at the number of people convinced that stray balloon over London last weekend behaved strangely and couldn't be accounted for as anything other than a UAP.

I'd even include military and air-force reports in this because I've interviewed pilots and though - sure, they can be trusted with a good deal of accurate observation - they're not infallible, they do make mistakes and they're people, just like everyone else.

Their aren't unlimited resources available in any project - nobody in the CIA is going to have the time and resources to patiently sift through every last individual file that crosses a desk - if you're stated objective is to disguise genuine inventory sightings as UFO reports - anything remotely anomalous is just going to be filed under that heading and then - years later - you're probably going to find a lot of those reports actually weren't of classified inventory at all but UFO's.

But, that being said - you're own sub lies testament to the fact - most of those sightings equally won't of actually have been of actual UFO's either, just perfectly prosaic things that looked a little odd at the time of being seen.

It doesn't make any difference, is my point. Most of these reports aren't anything, all this means - at worst - more otherwise explainable cases got bundled up and buried for decades out of policy rather than any genuine intent to maliciously deceive.

The UFO Community is not some challenging adversary those in power have to endlessly thwart with complicated schemes - like I say, just go back to last weeks balloon.

This Community shoots itself in the foot for free all the time....

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"The UFO phenomenon, whatever it may be due to, has not changed much over two millennia."

Contrary to popular belief, the UFO phenomenon did not start in 1947 with Kenneth Arnold, but Arnold was the first widely-publicized modern incident. Here is Arnold's original drawing to the Army, top and side view:

<https://imgur.com/a/ETRrFB1> Note how closely it resembles a flying saucer, but this was before the term "flying saucer" was in the media, which means the "flying saucer hysteria" could not have influenced his report. Therefore, it's likely this original drawing is very close to what he actually witnessed. Years later, Arnold seemed to have been trying to distance himself from the "saucer mania," and added that one of the objects looked crescent-shaped, but that it could have been due to the angle it was at. He eventually had a drawing made of the "crescent" object and posed in front of it, which gathered enormous publicity, leading to the myth we all enjoy today that "flying saucers are a result of media hysteria and copycat reports."

Belated reports of other discs were seen prior to this, and this was part of the material later analyzed in the 1948 Estimate of the Situation. See Edward Ruppelt's book, chapter two, on that:

<https://sacred-texts.com/ufo/rufo/rufo05.htm>

Prior to this in 1946, Sweden, ghost rockets:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ghost_rockets

Prior to this, in the early 1940s, strange objects were reported to be darting around military aircraft. They were termed "foo fighters."

According to Nasa's Richard Stothers (NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies), "the UFO phenomenon, whatever it may be due to, has not changed much over two millennia" (click PDF). <https://pubs.giss.nasa.gov/abs/st02710y.html> He cites some choice examples, but you can find a lot more out there.

This thread has some examples of cigar/tic tac/egg shaped UFOs dating from the 1800s to modern times:

https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/nh4l36/reminder_the_only_thing_new_about_the_tictac/

Another couple from the 17th century, America, balls of light darting around:

<https://www.history.com/news/americas-first-ufo-sighting>

1561 Celestial Phenomenon over Nuremberg, spheres, cigars, and an "arrowhead-shaped" black flying object:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1561_celestial_phenomenon_over_Nuremberg

Here's a very interesting luminous UFO that had a "door" that opened up from the 11th century, China, recorded by polymathic scientist Shen Kuo, who gathered reports of it:
https://np.reddit.com/r/aliens/comments/cjd2pk/11th_century_ufo_sighting_reported_by_chinese/

As for something disk-shaped specifically, quite a few historians, PhDs, etc appeared on a documentary about the 1917 flying "dull, silvery disk" incident here: Part 1 and Part 2. If you can make it past the first portion on the high strangeness that preceded the incident, the doc is well worth it.

Stothers cites another disk sighting in his paper, and you can find a few more throughout history, but overall, the UFOs seem to come in ~6 different main shapes, although there are outliers. The disc, the cigar/tic-tac, egg-shaped, spherical, triangular, and an often difficult-to-make out extremely luminous object. Regardless of what the phenomenon is, you would expect some variation of these year to year. Some are probably going to be more frequent than others. Activity will probably increase and decrease in various years.

For citations from the history.com article in case there is some skepticism of the claims made, here is the relevant passage from The Journal of John Winthrop, 1630-1649, Abridged Edition. Here is another sighting from The History of New England, from 1630 to 1639 by John Winthrop, and a subsequent sighting is mentioned several paragraphs later.

Etc.

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This is the kind of (un)common sense we need around here.

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Something out there wants to be known - at least it's presence. Just knowing isn't enough for us humans though, endlessly curious. For all this time it's shown itself to the many, it's never shown its true face and intentions. Eons pass for humans observers yet nothing really has come out of it. Yet. I'm impatient, I need my cookie now.

UFO phenomenon is humanities greatest edging. We are in dire need for that metaphorical release.

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Great post, if you want some more old sightings heres a list of sightings made by astronomers going back to 1623.

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Alexander The Great's army reported aerial "inverted shields" that buzzed their soldiers. Essentially a flying saucer.

<https://www.thinkaboutitdocs.com/329-bc-alexander-the-great-records-two-great-flying-shields/>

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It's bizarre when you hear 2000 year old fairytales about fairies taking people and then performing the quasi medical shit that aliens do.

or the 30 or so official sightings of holy mary from the vatican

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Marian_apparitions

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Sometimes I wonder if the ufos are just ancient automated tech and greys are similar in that they are just fabricated creatures to carry out old work orders and then something happened so they just keep running on autopilot. My main reason for thinking this is ufos that crash since I think such sophisticated tech shouldn't be able to crash and fall into human hands

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Maybe Moscovium just all ended up.

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Space/Time travel allows for the selection of your point in time and space independently of each other. So I could select my point in space to be France and my point in time to be 1723, in May. It's possible that these old accounts didn't happen in the original timeline and only after traveling to those points in space/time did the stories become history. Like the Mandela effect.

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I remember reading about how in ancient times there would be sightings of giant flying, flaming "shields."

Carl Jung wrote about how he thought UFOs were a manifestation of the collective unconscious, like a collective synchronicity.

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Depends on who you ask. Not everyone's experience with UFO and extraterrestrials beings is the same.

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I think there is definitely more knowledge of what/who they are more than we know. They always get one thing right though society can't handle the truth hell they couldn't even come together in a small pandemic. It's too risky. Society seems to be heading away from handling it instead of coming together for everyone.

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Who is more likely to see actual UFOs (not easily explained conventional objects)? Commercial pilots, military personnel, or ground-based civilians?

It appears that all US military personnel from all branches, or at least the great bulk of them, are trained in aircraft recognition. This would significantly reduce the amount of false alarms. It was hard to find super up to date information about this for obvious reasons, but for example, the US ARMY says:

All soldiers are required to recognize a selected number of threat and friendly aircraft for survival and intelligence gathering. When the mission is to defend the airspace above the battlefield to protect friendly assets, the ability to recognize and identify aircraft becomes even more important. These skills make it possible to discriminate between friendly and hostile aircraft by name and or number and type which will help avoid destruction of friendly aircraft, and at the same time, recognize, identify, and engage hostile aircraft.
<http://www.aircav.com/recog/chp04/ch04-p01.html>

On the other hand, a commercial pilot's license requires 20/20 distant vision (less strict requirements for private), and since they are often quite high in the air, they can probably see much further and with better clarity than the average person on the ground who, according to the The National Human Activity Pattern Survey sponsored by the US EPA, respondents reported spending an average of 87% of their time in enclosed buildings and about 6% of their time in enclosed vehicles: <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/11477521/>

For civilians, the Bureau of Labor Statistics says that "during 2016, 47 percent of jobs held by civilian workers required work outdoors at some point during the workday." <https://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2017/over-90-percent-of-protective-service-and-construction-and-extraction-jobs-require-work-outdoors.htm> This obviously means that the entire work day is not spent outdoors for the vast majority of these people. The percentage of time spent outside varies from job to job, and if in a city (the US Census says 80.7 percent of Americans live in urban areas <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/geography/guidance/geo-areas/urban-rural/ua-facts.html>), obstructions like trees and buildings are common, restricting the percentage of the viewable sky when tall obstructions are nearby.

Commercial pilots have a pretty sizable windscreen to look through. As for the amount of time they spend looking out through the windscreen, according to the FAA,

Scanning the sky for other aircraft is a key factor in collision avoidance. It should be used continuously by the pilot and copilot (or right seat passenger) to cover all areas of the sky visible from the cockpit. Although pilots must meet specific visual acuity requirements, the ability to read an eye chart does

not ensure that one will be able to efficiently spot other aircraft. Pilots must develop an effective scanning technique which maximizes one's visual capabilities. The probability of spotting a potential collision threat obviously increases with the time spent looking outside the cockpit. Thus, one must use timesharing techniques to efficiently scan the surrounding airspace while monitoring instruments as well.

While the eyes can observe an approximate 200 degree arc of the horizon at one glance, only a very small center area called the fovea, in the rear of the eye, has the ability to send clear, sharply focused messages to the brain. All other visual information that is not processed directly through the fovea will be of less detail. An aircraft at a distance of 7 miles which appears in sharp focus within the foveal center of vision would have to be as close as 7/10 of a mile in order to be recognized if it were outside of foveal vision. Because the eyes can focus only on this narrow viewing area, effective scanning is accomplished with a series of short, regularly spaced eye movements that bring successive areas of the sky into the central visual field. Each movement should not exceed 10 degrees, and each area should be observed for at least one second to enable detection. Although horizontal back-and-forth eye movements seem preferred by most pilots, each pilot should develop a scanning pattern that is most comfortable and then adhere to it to assure optimum scanning.

Studies show that the time a pilot spends on visual tasks inside the cabin should represent no more than 1/4 to 1/3 of the scan time outside, or no more than 4 to 5 seconds on the instrument panel for every 16 seconds outside. Since the brain is already trained to process sight information that is presented from left to right, one may find it easier to start scanning over the left shoulder and proceed across the windshield to the right.

https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/atpubs/aip_html/part2_enr_section_1.15.html

Commercial pilots, knowing their own altitude at any one time, have the added benefit of being better able to gauge the altitude of flying objects compared to someone on the ground. For someone on the ground, a random light in the sky can often be at many different altitudes, whereas pilots can differentiate between what is above or below them. Pilots also have a Traffic Collision Avoidance System, which alerts them to other aircraft in the area that have active transponders. Both commercial pilots and military personnel have the benefit of being able to quickly confirm whether or not a particular flying object is on radar as well (by asking for the information), although I'd say this probably applies more often to pilots than an average serviceman. Pilots seem like they might actually see such objects more often than average military personnel.

Military pilots in particular seem to have the best of both of these worlds and seem to be among some of the best candidate witnesses to UFOs. Not only are they trained specifically in enemy and friendly aircraft identification, they actually fly some of the most state of the art aircraft, which gives them some idea of the current flight capabilities, and they spend a lot more time around other state of the art aircraft, giving them some idea of how various high performance aircraft behave at various distances. They additionally have other tools available to better gauge what something is, such as airborne radar (commercial pilots also have radar, but it's for weather).

Although, given the above information, commercial pilots don't seem to be that far behind in potential frequency and quality of 'real' reports. Every person could potentially misidentify a conventional object, which can often be gauged by simply reviewing the reported details, but commercial pilots seem to be a very close number two candidate for quality and frequency. Such commercial pilot reports seem to be increasing as of late, but in my opinion, this probably has more to do with the stigma starting to lift. For those unaware, the NARCAP (National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena) research page has quite a lot of interesting information if you thumb through the tabs on the left of the page: <https://www.narcap.org/research>

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Every person could potentially misidentify a conventional object....

To which one could add, anyone can equally and no less misidentify an unfamiliar object as well.

I'm sorry and, as if I don't say it 20 times a post - I'm a CE2K experiencer - there isn't anyone immune from getting their wires crossed. I have no idea where this persistent fantasy that pilots specifically are in some way immune from misidentifying things whether civilian or otherwise.

Pilots aren't particularly trained observers - they're born survivors - they're people who, in a crisis, don't react like normal people, they keep their shit together (mostly) and (generally) get to walk away after a day's shift.

What you're dealing with is people whose work space mostly isn't an office but open sky - and that means they generally don't do what civilians do and freak-the-fuck out over every last little thing that spooks them.

Who makes the best witness? Fucking nobody. It's more a question of who has the best tools and resources..?

Military pilots followed by commercial pilots - it's not really rocket science, commercial planes come with at least two other people in a cockpit, military planes with a shit load of ground as well as air support.

Irrespective, pilots can fuck up identifying things no less than other people - they're just less disposed toward fucking up identifying the usual things ground-based civilians fuck up identifying all the time - which is mostly what we get to wade through and have access to examine here.

We've got to stop looking at things like testimony, photography's and footage and holding them up as holy fucking relics because they seem to tell us what we want to hear or show us what we want to see - that's all this community is doing, that and waiting with its thumbs up its ass trying to find the remote for the TV along with the clouds to majestically part aside and a huge hand to descend carrying stone tablets with the words "You Were Right All along" chiseled into them by a technology we simply don't currently possess or understand....

If people are serious about ending this - are they real/aren't they - backwards-and-forewards bullshit, let's get down to basics, ditch the shit we don't need and start figuring these things out from first principles up.

Set extraterrestrial hypothesis aside - let's just look at what is observed and explain it in scientifically acceptable terms.

We don't have to prove a fraction of the things UFO Belief consists of - we simply have to explain what people see and have consistently continued to report seeing these things do this past 75 years.

If we're serious about proof - a functioning, inarguable set of scientific principles is that evidence.

Instead of making up physics to prove our collective belief in ET - let's just incontrovertibly prove a craft that looks, acts and behaves like a UFO is not only possible but looks acts and behaves the way it does for valid, scientific

reasons.

Everything else is pondering what if's and maybe endlessly round and round and round.

Its clear, a lot of people participate in this process purely because they enjoy the harmless excersise of speculating - and I get that, I do - no harm in it...

But here we are, again.

Time was and not to long ago you couldn't pass off either commercial or millitary UFO sightings as inherently plausible - I interviewed dozens of old boys back during the 90's and routinely the general opinion was that they were not infallible - post 2017 you can't so much as question a US millitary pilots say about anything...

They are infallible, gorsh darnit!.

Like the objects that compel our curioscity - the wheel we're on is mostly round, now I find myself pointing out what I found initially galling 20 odd years back but actually, it's true - people are falible. Evidence can and often is either misinterpreted, faked and occasionally both.

Science - you can argue with it all you want - so long as it's grounded in the real world, doesn't matter who doesn't like it: like the theory of evolution, unlike everything else it will endure not because necessarily anyone likes it but because it's in evidence all around us an is inevitable...

We've got to stop looking for quick fixes. Testimony, "evidence" - "disclosure" - it's all dismissable.

Physical principals, really not so much. Yes, people suggest them everyday but everytime they do but what they're suggesting is unproven and largely unprovable by our current level of technology - and this is precisely why these things are suggested, because they suggest advanced technology and ET...

And so they're we go, back on the same round-and-round-wheel and so, nothing ever changes other than, we get older and interest in this subject, cooler.

Everyone keeps chundering on about this thing expecting - nay, demanding - the world to change it's paradigms to accept UFO belief when we can't even stump up half descent photo to back those demands - just bat probabilities backwards and forwards, believers against skeptics, like a tennis match where nobody wins match point just keeps on lobbing the same ball back and forth.

If we genuinely expect the world to change it's paradigms, we've got to be prepared to first, change and adapt at least some of our own.

Too much of this subject is people sitting in their complacent arses saying
*"I'm right, because I am..."

Let's prove craft that conform to UFO description and behaviour are possible, first - then we don't have to play dumb power games anymore with anyone.

We own the power.

The only thing holding this subject back is our own largely dumb and baseless beliefs about it.

Ultimately, what matters most here - Truth or vindication...?

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I have no idea where this persistent fantasy that pilots specifically are in
someway immune from misidentifying things weather civilian or otherwise.

Oh, no, that's not at all what I'm saying here. I'm just saying that there are
some factors to be considered here that will better reflect the quality of pilot
reports. Everyone could misidentify something regardless of profession, but the
above points should be taken into consideration when reviewing pilot reports and
how much time someone should spend on them. If the details are too detailed and
the sighting is clearly not conventional, that is far different from a vague,
super distant light in the sky, so this is a bit more complex than most people
seem to be thinking about it.

The accuracy of pilot reports, video evidence, etc can similarly be used to
precisely identify some of their sightings, such as Mick West has done recently
with some of them. If you can debunk it as conventional, the video is considered
perfectly legitimate and completely reliable. The testimony is either generally
accurate or never accurate at all. If it's not very accurate at all, then we
also can't trust many of the past debunks that relied on the accuracy of the
testimony to precisely identify the sighting in those cases. The truth is that
both extremes in each camp are wrong on this. Testimony can't always be trusted,
but neither should you never trust it, especially if there are multiple
witnesses. The vast majority of convictions based primarily on multiple witness
testimony are probably perfectly legitimate, but you do get a small percentage
of bad examples, and it's the same with UFOs. You should look at it the same
way.

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Indeed. However - that is exactly what I have been doing for 25 years. It
doesn't yield anything conclusive, it just keeps the same endless debate rolling
round, and round and round...

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I believe you are right to say that this increase in reporting is due to a lift
in stigma and I would add that there is also probably an increase in interest.
Though, I would imagine pilots are generally more interested in the goings on of
our skies than the average person.

I really like that commercial pilots are reporting more often. As you say, they
are nearly as qualified to observe and report on UAP as military pilots though
they lack much of the peripheral support. However, their reports do come with
the very important benefit of being much more accessible to the public. That may
be more effective than military pilot testimony when it comes to making progress
with disclosure, especially if our armed forces and ICs continue to keep the
supporting data locked up. These pilots needs to be encouraged to keep spilling
the beans.

Edited for clarity.

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Pilots also have a huge disincentive to report seeing UFOs or things that are out of the ordinary lest they lose their flying license / job.

Skeptics might be able to wave away most civilian sightings as drunks that want attention (lol) but it takes an entire other level of denial and mental gymnastics to take all pilot sightings and discard them as unreliable witness testimony.

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Several years ago, I described the 'questionable foundation' of Leslie Kean's book on pilots and UFOs as the naïve and unverified faith in pilot reports. She has insisted the UFOs show intelligent purpose based on their perception of the nature of their witnesses, since they are reported to behave differently when seen by military pilots than when seen by civilian pilots [when the more common-sense explanation is that different pilots report observations in terms of what they expect from their own different experience bases]. The data archives she touts as 'unexplainable' pilot sightings [such as the French 'Weinstein Report'] can easily be shown to contain numerous pilot misinterpretations of unrecognized space and missile activity around the world, so who knows how many other prosaic explanations were never found by the 'investigators'? See here:

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I don't even know who Kean is. Is she the one that said autistic children from soviet union were found in the roswell craft?

Looks like you're cherry picking data from someone with poor judgment to show that pilot reports can't be trusted. Shame on you. But I guess you're making my point for me.

when the more common-sense explanation

When assessing extraordinary data, common sense is not the hill that you want to die on. Not too long ago, it was common sense that the world was flat.

If we only stuck to common sense, general relativity and quantum theory would have never emerged.

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Classical misdirection. Who gives a fuck about sightings that turn out to be prosaic? The real deal are the sightings that demonstrate the 5 observables or that display impossible behavior and that are still unexplainable.

Skeptics like you use the fact that the majority of the sightings turn out to be prosaic to conclude that all sightings are explainable. Like a cassette tape that keeps playing the same song over and over.

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Skeptics might be able to wave away most civilian sightings as drunks that want attention (lol)

Not a helpful fantasy. Can you name a single 'skeptic' who made such a claim? Then why should you? Shame on you.

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Meh, I have heard the drunkard line before, although I believe this was probably from some old book or something, but I do have something that is even worse for you.

Prof Steven Hawking: "We don't seem to have been visited by aliens. I am discounting the reports of UFOs. Why would they appear only to cranks and weirdos?" (From around the 5 min mark)
https://www.ted.com/talks/stephen_hawking_questioning_the_universe#t-286325

Although I'd have to admit I'm stretching the definition of "skeptic" here to include Hawking. He technically fits here though. One of the smartest guys on the planet, he was skeptical of UFOs using a claim that can be debunked by the government's own materials where they have given their estimates of percentages of "crackpot" cases, which is just a couple percent.

Even a major skeptic of alien abductions, Harvard alien abduction researcher, cognitive psychologist Dr. Susan Clancy stated that:

"Contrary to what many people believe, they were not crazy. They were very nice, they were a heterogeneous group ranging from doctors at Harvard Medical School to MIT graduate students to single moms to construction workers. We did research on psychiatric disorder in this group, and it confirmed a number of other studies that showed they are not more likely than others to experience psychological disorders. They're normal." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yx8zGRUjf8Y&t=660s>

Not even alien abductees are 'crackpots,' let alone UFO witnesses. I would say that very well-read skeptics on this topic probably wouldn't make the mistake of erroneously claiming most such witnesses are drunks or crackpots. It's only those who haven't put proper time into reviewing the material who would say such things because then they'd just be regurgitating the common myth that most such witnesses must be nutty or whatever.

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Anyone with half a brain and five minutes to spare can see plenty of examples on this sub.

But that is besides the point, James, my good man, being the self proclaimed

debunker that you are, you don't need me to point you to anything. You're already aware of how the stigma works.

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"It appears that all US military personnel from all branches, or at least the great bulk of them, are trained in aircraft recognition. This would significantly reduce the amount of false alarms." == Counter-intuitively, just the opposite turns out to be true.

I just think we need to keep in mind that military pilots are NOT 'trained observers', they are 'trained SURVIVORS'. They live to retire and get their pensions by initially interpreting all visual cues in the most hazardous possible form, as embryonic indications of somebody trying to kill you. They 'don't think twice' in such cases, they are better-safe-than-sorry in their immediate instinctive actions. If it turns out the visual cues were NOT dangerous, at worst there is some embarrassment and teasing, but it beats the alternative -- funerals. I've seen recent cases where they got into dogfight mode over visual stimuli hundreds of miles away -- AS THEY SHOULD, if in doubt at all.

NTSB accident investigators will tell you that a pilot is among the worst witness to an aircraft incident because of their entirely proper bias towards imagining the most dangerous possible interpretation of the glimpse of something outside. Their minds are trained to come to rapid conclusions about causes -- a feature that makes them SAFER pilots., since sometimes a rapid response is needed to save their lives [and their passengers]. Jumping to a too-catastrophic interpretation is rarely dangerous, just embarrassing. This impacts the accuracy of their witnessing because often the apparition will trigger memories of similar apparitions that WERE dangerous, and these memories slip into any narrative they later give to investigators. NTSB folks say they REALLY have work to keep this fully understandable effect out of post-incident pilot testimonials.

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I think that is a bit misleading. From my post:

Every person could potentially misidentify a conventional object, which can often be gauged by simply reviewing the reported details

Do you agree with this? The general accuracy of the testimony in many reports is often used to debunk conventional sightings precisely because it is typically accurate enough to do so. If the witness gives enough detail on things like the time of day, date, color, shape, trajectory, location in the sky, and so on, as long as you have at least a few of those, a conventional explanation can generally be found.

Only when a conventional explanation cannot be found, for example if the testimony is far too detailed, the object was very close and obviously not conventional, too many witnesses corroborate enough details, etc, then the skeptic brings up the claim that witness testimony is not to be trusted, but if they can instead positively identify it, that testimony is taken as perfectly or highly accurate.

Since misidentified conventional and military aircraft are quite often

misreported as UFOs by the general population, having substantial training in the identification of such things makes it far less likely that the majority of military personnel will believe that a 747 is a spaceship, for example. That is basically the point I made in that portion of the post.

If you want more than what I gave as examples, this wikipedia article on military aircraft recognition has quite a few good citations in the references section on the various branches of the military and what they train their personnel on: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aircraft_recognition

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My narrow focus was on reports for specific rocket/spaceflight activity where the triggering apparition can be precisely documented. Witness descriptions of motion, duration, and particularly distance and altitude, are often wildly inaccurate, and also often are indistinguishable from collected 'classic' accounts for widely-accepted genuine UFO encounters. Phoenix-1 descriptions, for example, or the Yukon mother ship reports.

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<https://web.archive.org/web/20030502043109/http://www.zipworld.com.au/~psmith/pilot-ufos.html>

another example: The famous Minsk1983 pilot witnesses account that Richard Dolan endorses -- here's why I think it was a military missile launch:

http://www.nbcnews.com/id/24636796/ns/technology_and_science-space/t/how-crack-case-ufo-files/

The pilot's drawings show uncanny step-by-step shape/motion resemblance to other accounts of witnesses of rocket launchings. And Richard forgot to mention that the phenomenon was also seen from Finland and Sweden, where the viewing direction allowed triangulation with the Russian reports to an area in the White Sea where the USSR routinely test-fired sub-launched ICBMs in those years.

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This is worthwhile information you compiled here.

When doing scientific experiments, you need to make a model of your experiment in order to interpret the resulting data properly.

This includes in particular a model of your measurement device.

In order to make sense of witness accounts, one needs to model humans to some practicable degree. Restricting to pilots of one kind or the other, the particular properties of this subset is obviously key.

The sub has quite some way to go in terms of scientific understanding of the situation. But this here certainly is one right direction.

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<https://vimeo.com/4951898> this is an extremely close, very clear video of a flying saucer that was filmed from two vantage points. Prijedor - Bosnia. It was uploaded in 2009. Recorded in the evening on 5-28-2009. Notice that you can see the shadow of the object on the building (because the sun has almost set, so the shadow is nearly horizontal from the object). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfUdBInvNhu> this is the second camera.

Shadow analysis: <https://imgur.com/a/QcBjiPQ> The shadow angle is perfect between the shadow on the building and the adjacent building's shadow. This frame is about the time that the bottom portion of the UFO facing the sun comes into view, illuminating just the very bottom portion of it. This video was debunked by claiming the shadowing doesn't make sense. To the contrary, it makes perfect sense.

Additionally, the size of the object is clearly somewhat large going by the size of the portion of the building where the shadow appears. Maybe around 18-20 feet diameter. Shadows cast by the sun are approximately the same size as the surface area of the object obscuring the sun's rays. Those appear to be balconies on the building, so imagine a 6 foot tall person standing there, then multiply by three at least and that covers most of the shadow's length.

This video was also debunked by somebody claiming the footage is not shaky enough, but this other obviously real video of jets flying by has about the same smoothness <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6TX0fUK22Kg>. There is also the 'reaction time debunk.' There is an expected lag between when the object moves and the reaction by the witness filming, and at least once, he anticipates in the wrong direction. The reaction time looks perfectly fine to me.

Edit: One thing I forgot to mention is that the UFO seems to be "skipping" as if across water as it travels forward, which is interesting. This is a well-known

and expected characteristic of UFOs.

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I'm so jaded by hoaxes, the cynical expectation is every video I see is most likely fake.

If I'd only seen the camera phone video, would probably blow it off as just another one. But the addition of the Casio S 500 footage takes the wind out of that argument.

Shadow footage is pretty compelling, but what really stands out (to me) aside from two diff cams, two diff angles, is that the yt video was posted over 13 years ago, and the yt poster cites location, date, month, year, and time of day.

If it hasn't already been done, this is a case for serious scientific investigation, by those qualified to do so.

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No shadow on the building in the second video. Angle of shadow cast by building is different, meaning the videos weren't shot at the same time. In the second video, frame by frame the object stays in the exact xy pixel location for 2-3 frames then moves, 2-3 frames then moves. Rubbish.

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How in the world would you expect to see the shadow on the second video? It's too blurry from the camera movement and it was taken by a 2009 or earlier cellphone. The vimeo video was filmed with an actual camera and could pick up the shadow. [Edit 2: part of the building there is sticking out, and from that angle on the youtube video, most of the shadow would be blocked by those protruding parts of the building anyway because the shadow is on the recessed portion of the building in the vimeo video. If you flip through the frames on the 6 second portion of the youtube video, you can actually see a darker area on the left part of that building that lines up exactly with the angle of the roof and where the UFO shadow should be (I think), and as you flip to the next frame, that dark area disappears, so I now think you actually can detect the shadow, but because of the 2009 or prior cell phone camera used and the fast panning, it's fairly difficult to see. Let me know if you need screenshots and I'll show you that dark area on that frame compared to the next one.]

Edit: not only that, your other point that it was taken at a different time is completely false. The second video (youtube vid) is taken not directly opposite from the other witness, but it's somewhere over there. I decided to upload a screenshot of the video with a red circle where the adjacent building's shadow is: <https://imgur.com/a/o4bpeyM> As in the vimeo video, the sun is nearing the

horizon, lighting up the face of the building, and the shadow is cast onto the next building over in the same exact fashion.

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The resolution in the second video is not so bad that the shadow would not be visible.

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Sorry mate I wish it were true. But the height of the shadow on the building won't change irrespective of where the observer is.

Also while the object is moving relative to the background, the circled pixel is at the exact same XY coordinate for two frames in a row. It's not possible to track a moving object by panning a handheld camera and get less than a pixel error. This happens multiple times in the clip.

<https://imgur.com/a/ZCyLSJZ>

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Cool video. What strikes me as suspicious is that the camera perfectly follows the ufo as it speeds up, panning across the field and then stops suddenly and directly before the object begins its ascent. It also does not pan up to follow the object up which is a different pattern of behavior than how precisely in frame the person filming kept the object for the entire video. Why would they not move the camera up and keep it in frame as it sped out of sight?

I am not trying to debunk the video, it just stands out as suspicious to me and I feel like I should say that. The "sped up" quality is also strange.

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I can sense that you're fairly passionate about this, so im not going to tell you it is CGI - but - if it were CGI I would not describe this as remotely convincing for a good number of reasons.

Obviously, the main one is the fact that, despite the apparent speed and manouverability of the object, the camera person keeps it in shot. There appears the suggestion that they almost misanticipate - but they do not.

I'd respectfully suggest a casual review of the actual footage that's uploaded here routinely - specifically those regarding stationary objects.

People barely manage to keep non moving things in shot, especially when excited. This is more or less perfect and that's hugely unlikely. Nobody keeps their head like that, you've a sub full of junk videos proving it - the fact this stays in shot doesn't go away, it's an enormous red flag.

Second - this objects motion appears to be operating on rules both indistinguishable from and synonymous with Maxons motion graphics architecture Mograph - these days both C4D and the Mograph module is built into After Effects, prior to this its been used extensively with After Effects to produce 3D motion behaviour since around 2006.

Back in the day Maxon used to give C4D away with PC Magazines, it's one of the reasons it became synonymous with motion graphics and after effects - it saved people pirating and that way a whole generation of European students got to learn motion graphics work using this software meaning - when they graduated and became art directors, they invested back in the software professionally simply because they could drive it.

Since I'm not saying it is CGI you'll be relieved that I'm not going to walk you through the older methods they've had to have applied here - just do be aware, I can and could also apply those methods to create my own comparable footage of exactly what your clips consist of.

Wouldn't be the same shot, it would be my own, but I too could do it from multiple angles and get the same effect as if filming a single event simultaneously.

Third - I haven't watched the Vimeo one because I'm not signing up, but on the YouTube clip its pretty obvious that "UFO" isn't zooming off into infinity and beyond at the end, the effect was achieved by shrinking the comp of the UFO. That bit was really not done well.

Shadow on the building... And?

There's plenty of pre-existent shadow on that asset - basically all you have to do is make a selection of the "UFO", move the selection over an appropriate piece of existing shadow on the concrete wall and use layer via copy - you can then position and animate the cut out in after effects, it's just a few key frames, playing with transparency and blur to suit.

Naturally there are more sophisticated ways of rigging this, for a movie you'd create geometry to match the position of the building as well as ground and use HDRi lighting captured at the location to generate totally realistic shadows passing closer scrutiny.

They avoided using shadows on the fields the UFO passes over, even though the "saucer" is lit from above down and reasonably low because it would look flat and give away the effect - difficult to get round that without adding a butt load of extra geometry and motion physics to simulate crops, but an appropriate amount of fractal noise added as a mask might just about cut it in a pinch - the final outputs degraded enough to hide the effects...

Its true - given my background and working experience there's not a clip I don't look at with an angle of figuring out how to go about doing it in CGI - once you start thinking that way it's second nature so - like I say, Im not handing down a stone tablet with the letters CGI carved into it.

But.

There is not one thing here that CGI cannot explain, as effects shots go it's of intermediate ability at best. Were it something one made oneself at the time - 2009 - for a UFO fake it's not bad. But you'd see your own mistakes in it and, next time, you'd vow to do better, mostly because this one would have taught you

what you did wrong and there are mistakes...

Good job I'm not saying it's CGI then isn't it...👍

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u/MKULTRA_Escapee avatar

MKULTRA_Escapee

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3y ago

I'm going to ask you the same question in two different ways.

You've personally seen such objects according to your past testimony that you've been sharing quite a bit, and it was close enough that you know it wasn't ambiguous. So we both agree they are real. Why do you suppose nobody can find any video of them in which everyone, even skeptics agree the video is real? Where are all of the videos? I want you to post them here, the ones you think are real and that are clear enough and not ambiguous.

And why do you suppose the flir1 video, which we now know is actually real, was debunked as a CGI hoax, seemingly conclusively in 2007 when it first leaked? <https://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread265835/pg1>

The answer is that it's obviously the case that a bunch of real videos are out there, but we've been so conditioned to doubt, even actual ufo witnesses think real videos are fake. So the community "debunks" then, ignores them, and they sit there in obscurity until some poor soul digs them up or, in the case of the flir1 video, it gets leaked again with additional witnesses coming forward.

You can always find a way to doubt something. The real question is are you correct? There was a much, much stronger and far more convincing argument against the Flir1 video than the arguments here against this video, yet it was perfectly real. Why was that?

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u/EggMcFlurry avatar

EggMcFlurry

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3y ago

Both good posts from you and the cgi man. I agree with both of you. I think there's a problem. A video could be real, but it could also be fake, and the only person who really knows is the one who filmed it. If you saw a real flying saucer in the sky and filmed it, you'd probably know damn well that when you share the video everyone will dismiss it as fake and give it not a second thought. Hell, as you were filming the damn thing you'd probably have a hard time believing what you were seeing. We judge and dismiss videos because it makes sense. It's more probable to be just another fake than the real thing. I don't think a couple videos or photos will be the final answer.

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Corrupted_G_nome

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3y ago

I felt like this was a needed comment. Folks probably feel its repetitive but for someone not doing digital art its good to hear what can and cannot be done and what to look for.

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u/fulminic avatar

fulminic

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3y ago

This is the most extensive I'm not saying its cgi, but post ever. You should go over to r/SkinnyBob and not tell them it's cgi, but.

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u/JustJay613 avatar

JustJay613

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3y ago

It's interesting footage for sure. On the one hand I find it looks like it is sped up and not at actual speed. I know we could not say precisely how one of these objects would fly but it just seems unnatural. Others have tried to explain the same thing. Then the remarkable job of both camera people to keep it mostly in frame. We all get frustrated with the crappy footage we always see but this one seems too good to be true to have two very centred videos.

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cubanexchangestudent

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3y ago

is the video sped up?

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Ok-Ad-8367

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3y ago

So I've read the comments and seen the videos. I have a question. All you computer graphic artist & CGI heads... How would you go about confirming there is NO CGI in the image? Say the Gov put out UAP footage which was unquestionable. How would you apply your skill to validate their claim? EDiT: TLDR: How can you tell when it's NOT CGI?

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drollere

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3y ago

i looked at the satellite images of prijedor, bosnia and i probably found the pictured buildings, with a nearby open field:

44° 59'05" N, 16° 42'07" E

the buildings face northwest. at 44° N the sun would set somewhat west by northwest in may, and assuming a north section was later added to the building shown under construction in the video, the building shadows seem plausible.

i did a brief perspective analysis using the top edges of the two buildings to define one vanishing point that is consistent with the horizon. the shadows will fall to a different point below the horizon, the antisolar point, depending on the location of the sun, and the shadows of building and saucer are consistent with the elevation of the sun as recreated in stellarium.

this amounts to saying that the video of buildings corresponds to the place and time (daylight saving time), and there is no obvious discrepancy in the projected shadow of the observable.

my esthetic objection to the video is that the motion of the observable seems to me slightly jerky as if out of sync with the hand tremor in each frame. the final takeoff also doesn't seem convincing as a dynamic signature. of course, there is no point quibbling about how things you've never seen should look in a

video, so these aren't defensible objections.

i don't put a strong interpretation on this video. the first problem is that we don't have any sufficient corroboration of the observable as an object (radar) or a real time event (video audio), and the fact that the original sound is replaced by a radio or TV broadcast in one version is unfortunate. we should have, as we do in the 2016 BEAVER video, witness testimony and forensic examination of the original video files. at the same time, this doesn't show me anything about UFO except that a saucer can look just the way people say it should look.

it is certainly worth the effort to seek out the two photographers identified by user ID and attempt to get the original video for analysis.

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u/MKULTRA_Escapée avatar

MKULTRA_Escapée

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3y ago

Thanks for the additional info. Everything about this video is consistent with a real UAP video. It passes all of the tests that have been throw at it, except for the subjective interpretation of some of the viewers, which is of course expected. People forget that UAP have been reported to be "jumpy" and "skip, as a rock would across water." Instant acceleration, unnatural movement. Those traits being captured on video is enough for a skeptical person to dismiss the video as a fake when in fact such a thing is expected anyway. This means that it's impossible to capture a video of a UAP that is compelling to all because not everyone is going to keep this in mind while reviewing such a video.

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broadenandbuild

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3y ago

I think the weird feeling people are getting with the video is that the craft is moving at the same rate as the camera pans. Honestly, I don't know if that's really what it is, but I have to agree that something looks odd with the frame rate, but I can't quite put my finger on it. Nevertheless, a really crazy video and I hope it's real

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u/8ad8andit avatar

8ad8andit

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3y ago

Having watched thousands of amateur videos on Reddit, yes it's shocking to me that this cameraman was able to anticipate and track an object moving super fast and unexpectedly. In my experience that's just incredibly rare.

I'm not saying that proves it's a fake. But it's definitely on my mind.

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u/MKULTRA_Escapée avatar

MKULTRA_Escapée

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He failed the anticipating not once, but twice. When it first began to move, he anticipated in the opposite direction. Before it increased elevation, he thought

it was going to continue straight, then realized the error and caught up just before it was out of view.

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u/timst4r avatar
timst4r

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Unlike most sightings posted on here, this one can only be one of two things: a hoax or an alien spaceship. I think that's why a lot of people's immediate reaction is to desperately look for reasons to call it a hoax, cuz if it's not then that only leaves the one other explanation.

If this was a hoax though, it would be on a whole different level of hoax then what I've seen. That would mean someone made a pretty convincing video, then made a second video from a different angle, which is pretty difficult to get right, then proceeded to upload both to different places where they got almost no attention for 10 years or so. If you went to all the trouble to make not one but two hoax videos, wouldn't you want to call some attention to them?

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ImAWizardYo

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The object moves long before the camera pans. It looks weird because it is sped up.

I slowed it down to 50% speed to try and fix that. Notice they delay before the photog begins tracking. That's not a particularly impressive response but I guess one could say average.

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u/KellyI0M avatar
KellyI0M

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Yep, this one's been on here a few times. Got to say, I'm quite impressed with them because I don't know Jack about fx etc but it appeared fake to my aged eyes, uncanny Valley type thing.

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3y ago

So what is that "tail" it gets in the slo-mo version just before it accelerates? Looks like some kind of manipulating device not properly edited out.

Also imho the hue/color temperature of the ufo shadow on the wall is different from the natural shadows. Shadows can be denser or more delineated, but the hue is defined by the ambient sunlight, and shouldn't differ within the same environment.

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u/MKULTRA_Escapee avatar
MKULTRA_Escapee
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3y ago

The size of the object is known. It's unnecessarily large for a hoax that got no attention until I dug it out from UFO video jail 10 years later. Nobody until 2 days ago when I realized the shadow can be measured knew the apparent size of the object.

UFOs are already real:

https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/z2q6z2/ex_cia_and_ex_fbi_agents_claim_multiple_countries/ixjgfw/

Even the declassified Twining Memo in 1947 stated that it is their opinion that flying saucers specifically are real (although they used different language, that is precisely what the memo stated).

So where are the videos of flying saucers? There is very, very little that points to this being fake, and many indicators pointing to this being real. The location, sunset time, sunset angle, and everything else thrown at it checks out. The shakiness while zoomed, reaction time, and tracking the object all checks out. The panning looks just as natural as some other real video I found after a 30 second search. Other than this and Costa Rica 2007, there are probably quite a few videos out there that were frivolously debunked as this one was.

At this point, that weird appendage is more likely to be an alien spaceship tentacle thing or a glitch in the camera than a 'hoax manipulation device.'

Edit: To respond to your edit on the shadow, you can find various amounts of darkness of shadows in the same video because it probably depends on numerous factors, including reflected light from the surroundings, the underlying color of the material where a shadow is being casted on, etc. I don't find that a convincing argument at all. You can't just cherrypick one area that happens to have a lighter shadow, ignore the darker shadows, say it's different than the UFO shadow, and then call it debunked.

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BiloxiRED

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Imagine sitting on your balcony in those apartments and you see it hauling ass right for you

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On widespread false confessions: "the poster child instance of that in history is when Charles Lindbergh's infant son was kidnapped in 1932, 200 people volunteered confessions and all of them were false. You see that again in high-profile cases."

False confessions can come about when a person wants some of the media attention, has a profit motive and wants to write a book about their supposed involvement, has a mental illness, is coerced, or is falsely convinced that they were the culprit. It's a very strange phenomenon that isn't addressed often enough in ufology. For most people, a single confession to a UFO hoax, regardless of the circumstances, is good enough to throw a case out immediately, but this is irresponsible to the truth, which is what we should all want.

While the information below on false confessions is specifically regarding criminal cases, I see no reason why it wouldn't apply to UFO cases, or to other cases in related areas. In fact, Charles Fort wrote a bit about the odd reality of false confessions as it relates to strange phenomena, so this has played a role in such cases since at least the 1800s, but I think it continues to the present day.

According to Saul Kassin, distinguished professor of psychology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York:

It turns out there are three types of false confessions and there are three different storylines as to why an individual would confess to something they didn't do.

One - there is a category of false confessions known as voluntary false confessions. These are cases, and they often happen in high-profile cases that are in the news, where people come out of the woodwork and volunteer confessions to crimes that are in the news that they didn't commit. Kind of the poster child instance of that in history is when Charles Lindbergh's infant son was kidnapped in 1932, 200 people volunteered confessions and all of them were false. You see that again in high-profile cases. Sometimes people volunteer confessions because they're seeking attention. Sometimes they're looking to actually protect somebody else who is the culprit. And sometimes it reflects some degree of delusion and it reflects on their mental health. Honestly, I don't see the voluntary false confessions, while they happen and happen with some degree of regularity and always have, I don't see them as a particular problem for the criminal justice system. I think it's interesting that when somebody volunteers a confession to police - police typically react with some degree of skepticism.

And they ask the question, well. And so they say you've committed this murder - prove it. What do you know about the crime? And if the individual who is offering to admit guilt can't also provide details about the crime that are accurate as known to the police, then the police don't follow that case. And so those voluntary false confessions don't tend to enter the criminal justice system as problematic.

And because of the long standing ridicule and abuse a lot of UFO witnesses have endured over the decades, I will submit that sometimes they will falsely confess just to get the attention off their back, or worse, were perhaps coerced into it.

The problematic are the next two types. And these are the types of false confessions that arise from police interrogations. These are innocent people who, when asked about the crime, deny any involvement and then they are subject to a process of interrogation and it is a result of that process of interrogation that a confession is produced. So these are categories of police-induced false confessions.

The way in which the two categories differ is the most common form is you bring a person in who denies involvement, who is now subject to a harrowing and relentless interrogation - promises may be made, threats may be made, promises implied, threats implied, stress level is increased, they're isolated, they're away from anybody who's familiar - and essentially, to make a long story short, everybody has a breaking point. And these are cases where individuals are innocent, who know they're innocent, break down and confess in order to extract themselves from a very bad situation. They do what psychologists have known people to do in stressful decision-making situations, which is they maximize their opportunity to get themselves out of that situation...

<https://www.apa.org/news/podcasts/speaking-of-psychology/false-confessions>

It would seem that confessions to events that garner media attention can be far less trustworthy than the original claims themselves, unless the person provides enough information about it unknown to the public and can demonstrate to a high degree of certainty that they were in fact the culprit. Corroboration or inside knowledge of the case is important to demonstrating that a confession is legitimate.

From Charles Fort's 1931 book *Lo!*, page 88:

But I doubt the necessity, because there is in human beings such a fondness, or sometimes such a passion, for confessing, that sooner or later somebody will come forward with almost any desired confession. Sometimes, from time to time, half a dozen persons confess to having committed the same murder. The police pay scarcely any attention any more to a new confession, in the matter of the Hall murder, in New Jersey. There was a case, in an English police court, of a man who had given himself up, as a deserter from the army.

But a policeman testified that this was his fifth or sixth confession, and that he had never been in the army. The man admitted the charge. "But," said he, "I have something else that I wish to confess." "I'll hear no more of your confessions. Six months" said the magistrate. In some cases the incentive for false confessions is not obvious, but in others it is obviously to come out of one's pale, yellow glow, and be brilliant in limelight. There have been cases not quite of confessions, but of somebody attributing to himself unexplained occurrences, or taking advantage of them for various kinds of profit I accept that, if explorers from somewhere else should visit this earth, and if their vessels, or the lights of their vessels, should be seen by millions of the inhabitants of this earth, the data would soon be conventionalized. If beings, like human beings, from somewhere else, should land upon this earth, near New York, and parade up Broadway, and then sail away, somebody, a year or so later, would "confess" that it had been a hoax by him and some companions, who had dressed up for their parts, and had jabbered, as they thought extra-mundanians

should jabber.

As if ufology wasn't complicated enough, this puts some of the "confessions" to certain UFO hoaxes in a new light. There have been recanted hoax confessions, and some confessions that just don't seem convincing. There was even a guy who alleged that flying saucers were of his invention, supposedly stolen from him. I just hope that the discourse starts to take this information into serious consideration moving forward.

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Trumers

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Sure people make things up. All the time. But when you compare abduction cases and compare them to claims i have seen a vampire, zombie, unicorn... you will see that there is a overwhelming majority claiming they encountered „Aliens“.... Can't believe they all choose Aliens for their fake storys.

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hooty_toots

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One point made by OP is that not only are some stories false, but trying to take back what has been said should also be treated with skepticism. Example: coming forward with a claim, then later admitting to having faked the claim. Which is the lie? It's not so clear-cut as we'd like to think.

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MontyAtWork

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But there's exactly 0 cases of vampires, zombies, or unicorns in modern Culture, so it's both unlikely someone would come up with a story about them and even less likely they'd be believed.

A better example might be the chupacabra or Bigfoot which there's somewhat regular sightings of both and which have cultural footholds that keep stories of them from being outright dismissed.

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u/MKULTRA_Escapee avatar

MKULTRA_Escapee

OP

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This doesn't hold at all for UFOs though. The same objects are seen throughout history and throughout the world, regardless if it's a religious or secular culture.

Im more interested in multiple witness cases of humanoids than I am of abductions, but once you accept humanoids, abductions aren't much of a leap anyway, so I keep an open mind. Hell, I'm not even sure if Bigfoot could be an alien... maybe.

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Trumers

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So you claim they choose Aliens, because the story about seeing Aliens near Ufos or being abducted seems to them a better Fake story?

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What also doesn't get talked about enough is the amount of people that just completely make something up.

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It's two sides of the same coin, but one side currently get a pass for the most part, hence the post. Once a confession is produced, the case is over.

I think most of us agree that there are plenty of frivolous UFO claims out there, not only mundane objects being misinterpreted, but outright fabrication of the story itself. UFO hoaxes absolutely exist. Sometimes they are proven, but on the other hand, sometimes it's only a probability argument, and these are sometimes highly debatable:

https://np.reddit.com/r/aliens/comments/t1xuq4/why_legitimate_ufo_footage_is_guaranteed_to_be/

People hoax all kinds of other things, so of course a percentage of UFO cases will also be hoaxes. But these are probably only 2 percent of the cases.

<https://kevinrandle.blogspot.com/2007/06/ufo-photo-hoaxes.html>

The majority, perhaps 90-95 percent, can be explained as mundane, not that they all actually are. There is just so much man made and natural stuff in our atmosphere, as well as astronomical objects that could also be nearby the line of sight of the object, there is usually something nearby that can be attributed to the sighting. According to Bluebook 14, conducted mostly before the clampdown on information, 22 percent of cases remained unidentified, and of the explained cases, 42 percent were explained with certainty, 27 percent doubtfully explained.

It's different nowadays because you have some individuals on youtube constantly posting CGI videos for profit, but these aren't really "cases" per se. A lot of the good cases are withheld from the public due to a propaganda operation:

https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/v9vedn/for_the_record_that_there_has_been_a_ufo_coverup/

So the effect of all of this is a misleading picture of the true numbers of hoaxes and the true number of actual UFOs.

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Meanwhile Bob Lazar has taken 4 polygraphs and never changed his story.

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Sociopaths are good at that

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He has changed his story and he didn't pass all the polygraphs.

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I don't think your argument holds much though.

To the first point, voluntary false confession, the causes highlighted are attention seeking, protection of someone else, or mental health. While all may apply to ufology, they could be on both sides: pretending to be abducted, or pretending to have created a hoax. In the latter case, it is easy to dismiss it, like in the criminal cases: if the pretending hoaxer manages to explain insider details, or manages to reproduce the hoax, it is likely they are not lying.

To the other categories, police-induced, I don't think it is much relevant to this field. There are stories about men in black, about threats, even deaths, but I don't think it is much relevant among the numerous claims all over the globe. I don't think that governmental agencies harass people over UFOs in most countries.

So all in all, people lie, we can all agree on that. The reason why is probably different each time, and I would prevent myself from trying to generalize it. You can still try to make something out of this fact, like assuming X % of the claims are false, though it does not tell you much.

But if you knew the truth beyond those claims, are you really expecting that more hoaxes would be proven genuine than the other way around?

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Even if you dismissed all "MIB" claims, such as confiscating evidence, threatening witnesses, etc, the ridicule and harassment factor is still there. The general public participates in that as well. That you can't deny. Friends, family, and coworkers do this to UFO witnesses. Sometimes a witness's entire life is ruined by coming forward. Of course some of the hoax confessions out there were due to this. The true number of them is the question.

So there are people who just want the attention and falsely admit to a hoax, but also others who just want the negativity to end.

But if you knew the truth beyond those claims, are you really expecting that more hoaxes would be proven genuine than the other way around?

I'm not making any claim as to the approximate percentage of true versus false confessions. All I'm saying is that this needs to be factored in. To ignore it or pretend it's nothing would just be misleading yourself, at least part of the time.

I think there is a significant overconfidence not only in the accuracy of hoax confessions, but there is also sometimes an overconfidence in the evidence produced to allege a hoax, even when the witness does not confess. I wrote about this aspect of it here:

https://np.reddit.com/r/aliens/comments/t1xuq4/why_legitimate_ufo_footage_is_guaranteed_to_be/

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cghislai

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Yes, i think we can agree on that. The stigma probably caused a lot of people to no talk, or lie about their experience.

Now I wouldn't say its overconfidence the issue, although there is probably some on both part. Its just the nature of the situation: A lot of people making claims, almost no hard evidence to back it up. A rational mind that didn't have any experience with the phenomenon is pushed to those conclusions. The claim of a hoax does make much more sense than the claim of a non human intelligence encounter.

The issue is with the lack of evidence in my opinion. The phenomenon does make little sense. The claims people make even less, would they come from officials or not. Its much easier to discard it all as pareidolia, hoaxes, or imagination; and i understand that. And it does not matter much how much of it is actually true, what matters is that while it remains plausible it is an hoax, then it will probably be considered an hoax by most, and you will not manage to convince much people with it.

Now, when facing with such a large amount of things that make little sense, i would guard against drawing any premature conclusion. But since i don't have my own experience, i feel i am forced to keep the 'this is all bs' explanation on the table, how unlikely it may seem, just because noone managed to convince me to date. Now I am really curious and looking forward to make sense of all of that, but in the meantime when someone comes with a plausible hoax explanation (i am thinking petit rechain belgium wave picture, which is just one person that claimed it was a hoax, although he had the negatives it appears), i believe it. Lets discard that blurry picture, and look forward for more relevant data points.

And i didn't read you other post, but i agree with the title. No single footage is gonna bring any consensus (well, one still could depending on the context). And people debunking them just remind us of this fact, which i think is a good thing. There is something pathetic about looking at all those lowres videos of mundane things or not. Lets hope the current momentum will bring something more tangible on the table.

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false confessions compared to false claims, sightings, and false videos. Which occurs more often and is more prevalent, damaging?

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This was addressed in other replies in this thread. We can't know the true number of false confessions, and we can't even approximate it without a significant analysis of all of the alleged hoax claims.

What we should really care about here is what the truth is in each case we evaluate, not which side, debunker or believer, is more damaging. So when you see a confession hailed as proof of a hoax, rather than immediately accepting it, the above information should be accounted for, and additional evidence and/or corroboration should be sought out before simply taking the person's word for it.

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Great post. But considering the amount of testimony on the topic I only need one confession to be truthful to consider the possibility of this being true. Probability of the phenomenon being something we can explain is becoming less and less probable every day.

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Self_Help123

What is the subs thought on the Calvin photo and Salvatore Cezar Pais
I hadn't heard of either of these until recently.

Now they are saying - yes it was a real object, a big diamond object, but it was ours, experimental tech to 'help' the SR-71... so many questions?

If so how does it fly with no obvious signs of propulsion or energy ? And what the hell does it do?

And then this Salvatore guy, a look at his patents and work under now Space Force, if ever there was a candidate for the reverse engineering program it's

this guy...

But based on both of those points, why has it never been bought up by Luis, Mellon, or any of that crew who seem to know all the black projects and players?

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Comments Section

u/MKULTRA_Escapee avatar

MKULTRA_Escapee

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3y ago

Most would say that UFOs are used by the government as a cover for their secret aircraft, but I would say the opposite. There is far more evidence that the US government uses the concept of "secret aircraft" to explain away UFOs, and maybe you can add a little bit of attempts to replicate what we see in the sky in there as well.

As for Calvine, I'm not sure if you're talking about the debunk that compares the photo to a previous aircraft design, or those two "insiders" who claimed they found out that it was a secret aircraft. If the former, the photograph coincidentally could be explained as a rock or small island sticking out of water because the top and bottom are kind of symmetrical and it has a line down the middle, the most popular theory so far. It was also debunked because it looked like a previous hoax, which is expected by chance because so many hoaxes have existed and they're often based on actual reports (although I think they have this backwards). The Calvine photograph was also debunked because it coincidentally looked exactly like an arrowhead, obviously expected by chance because so many man made things exist. It was debunked as a mountain as well because there are all kinds of mountains you could try to match it to, and don't forget a top secret aircraft, also expected by chance because so many real and theoretical aircraft designs have existed over the years, at least one will match. One metabunk theory is that it was a star decoration, which looks like nearly an exact match just as the arrowhead was. Mick West sees a specific diamond kite while somebody else sees a diamond balloon.

Pick your debunk because there are plenty. The problem is these are all mutually exclusive. In isolation, they sound convincing, but when you become aware of all of them, they look very weak, as if people are just picking out whichever expected coincidence they first noticed. People tend to get anchored to the first debunk they see.

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I'm talking specifically about this article, which raises way more questions than it answers- <https://www.news.com.au/technology/innovation/military/secret-behind-best-ever-ufo-sighting-revealed/news-story/105a08c1a7caf70f6f41c477a563fd3a>

"Dr Clarke and his team, explained the UFO was believed to have been a "target designation companion" for F-117 Nighthawk stealth bombers."

If true how the hell does it fly?

"Calvine Vehicle may have been a piece of experimental US tech is a patent filed by aerospace engine Salvatore Cezar Pais"

Lol what?

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u/LudaMusser avatar
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I take it you aren't aware that the Calvine craft was seen again in the same rough area later in the same month as the photos were taken

This time it was by a woman driving her car. There is a witness statement taken and posted on twitter by Straiph Wilson

You like to use the word debunked alot. The Calvine photo hasn't been debunked. Somebody giving their opinion on a photo doesn't mean it's been debunked when what they're saying doesn't add up

How can it be a reflection or mountain tip when it's seen again not at the same place?

If you read the detailed report it says the U.S admitted it was their's after being pressured.

Was it displaying ET tech, that's the real question

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u/MKULTRA_Escapee avatar
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I was more just making fun of debunkers in the nicest way possible. No worries. It was my wording that was the issue.

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u/Hoshiimaru avatar
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Its probably just a star decoration and a plane prop hanging from a tree, which is way more likely than a extraterrestrial ship hovering out there. But it doesnt matter, further discussion about the photo is useless, apparently there were more pictures of the object but we only have one.

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That argument only works in isolation. First, the likelihood that aliens or their probes would visit this planet could easily be very high. That's what it seems like because we ourselves are planning on sending probes to the nearest stars in the coming decades using light sails that travel at 20 percent light speed.

If that is the case, the argument that each and every single photo or video is a fake because it's "more likely to be a fake" doesn't work anymore. If alien probes were visiting, eventually somebody is going to capture that on film, probably more than a few times.

Then you have to add in the other possibilities. What if UFOs were instead coming from an advanced underground terrestrial civilization, time travelers, people from parallel worlds... There are a lot of possibilities.

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Sal has said his patents are not meant for us commoners, implying theyre part of a misinfo/disinfo strategy for foreign adversaries or something the navy wants out there for some reason.

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Implying... what? How do you get that?

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The man himself said something like that in an interview, I assume it was TOE, here is a link to one of those interviews.

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Calvine is fake, a fraud. If you look at the fence posts in the photo they are slanted because the camera is looking downwards (those fence posts are either ridiculously small or the person taking the photograph is standing on something/taller than the posts). You can also see at the top of the image the overhand from a tree. The kids are probably sat on a branch in a tree looking downwards. But there's no background , if you were up a mountain/large hill taking a photo looking downwards you would be able to see the ground below, unless it's a fake picture. I read somewhere that boys had found a dressing table type mirror and carried that with them and the photo is of a stone placed in the centre of the mirror .

Either way, that camera is pointing downwards not up at the sky.

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If that's true why would random MoD guy try to cover up a hoax with a supposed diamond shaped 'accompanying target vehicle'

Why would a supersonic stealth fighter need a accompanying target vehicle, how would it keep up, and how does it fly if it looks like a diamond?

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Ok first of all, look at the photo.

Do you see the fence posts at the bottom and the over hanging tree branches at

the top ? That's all you need to see. The photo was very obviously taken from a branch in the tree OR those mystical hikers/hotel workers (which one is it) are giants OR we build extremely small fences in the UK. The photo is therefore pointing downwards, where were these people on top of Ben Nevis ? Please explain how you can point a camera downwards and capture a huge swathe of sky whilst also capturing the over hanging branches of a tree.

That's a barbed wire fence so it's at least 36 inches high probably more like 48 inches to stop the sheep from escaping.

Again, for someone to capture the fence at that angle the camera wasn't pointing at the sky.

The rest is just nonsense.

Where are the other 5 photos ? Why is the whole thing white washed to fk ? Why are certain objects sharper than others in the same area ?

Oh and I'm pretty sure the 'experts' identified the plane as a harrier even though records state there were none anywhere near.....it also looks nothing like a harrier and more like a hunter in its silhouette (you can't see any markings in the photo either way)

Photography lecturer Andrew Robinson, who produced hi-resolution images of the print in Sheffield Hallam University's photo laboratories, says the image does superficially look like a reflection of a flat object sticking up from a body of water.

I'll leave you to pretend it's a UFO.

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Well, the "triangle craft" is real. In fact we have been using negative-mass in spacecraft for a while, likely in aircrafts too. There are a bunch of ways to generate an anti-grav effect, from use of asymmetrically charged capacitors to superconducting toroidal coils, although cavity-resonance is the easiest manufacture. In fact, surface plasmonics for negative mass application through piezoelectric resonator will likely have an official confirmation here soon, if it hasn't already.

I'm pretty sure we got a tic-tac (cylinder) and a metal sphere as well, the tic-tac allows for counteraction of inertial forces from acceleration, while the sphere uses asymmetric levels of repulsion for movement (the mechanism of which is temperature). I know the military has tech matching physical descriptions of UFOs, and we have some interesting negative-mass tech, but I do still 100% believe there are also ET spheres and tic tacs, cubes and discs.

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Got any links? This sounds like cool stuff

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Added some links for physics.

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We know Calvine is a top secret aircraft. The reason being is that the British mod confiscated the original photo from a newspaper, (a citizen had submitted it) and classified it for national security reasons for like 30 years or more

If a true ufo land in my yard and I take a photo , no matter how good of quality, the government has no right to seize this photo . There's hundreds of ufo photos all over the net . The government can't just take it , m they have to have a legal basis for doing so . And I can be contest it in a court of law .

If a top secret black project aircraft lands in my yard and I take a photo , the government has the legal right to sieze it for national security interests . And classified it as long they deem necessary.

I assure you the man who released the pic (if it's legit) got mod permission before doing so .

The government's behavior tells u everything you need to know .

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Except that there is lots of evidence of the government confiscating evidence in the last 70 years. Here is an exhaustive list where we know it happened. Also coverup is a fact of reality that cannot at this point be disputed. Even the fact that www.theblackvault.com contains hundreds of thousands of FOIA documents related to UAP/UFO terms, though no one smoking gun doc exists, shows that there is something being covered up not "nothing".

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There are a lot of unanswered questions about the Calvine photo.

For Sal Pais we have more info, <https://youtu.be/5E6QyAhTB3o>

<https://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/39012/the-navy-finally-speaks-up-about-its-bizarre-ufo-patent-experiments>

This video and article corroborate each other that Sal never demonstrated his effect in the lab. When you look at the funds allocated, that makes sense too. Now whether or not they proceeded on research without him is another matter, but if so, the dates wouldn't line up for Calvine.

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Full quote because I couldn't fit it all in the title, from three of his comments:

"I think we need to be careful in fitting things to the image. If something looks a bit like a particular thing (like a camera lens, a ring, or a cruise ship) then it can be relatively easy to move things around until you get a roughly matching image. While it raises that thing as a possibility, it does not mean it is that thing.

"I think as I mentioned earlier, there's a danger in taking something that something vaguely resembles, and then moving things around until it fits. With this approach, we've got seemingly good fits for the same photo, with both a cruise ship and a camera lens"

"Remember when everyone was convinced it was a cruise ship, and then the inside of a teleconverter. And some people see little green men there. Beware of forcing your imagination onto the interpretation of an image."

-from page 2, 3, and 4 on the metabunk thread discussing the Turkey UFO Incident: <https://www.metabunk.org/threads/2008-ufo-footage-from-kumburgaz-turkey.9844/>

This post is basically a response to the top post on this sub that essentially argues "This thing looks like this other thing, coincidence?" This is my favorite thing Mick West has said. I'm a bit of a closet fan of his in many situations. We clearly disagree in others, but even he recognized the glaring problem here.

The reason he said it is because there had been like 13+ wildly different explanations for the Turkey footage, and he said this as they were piling up. Parts of the footage have been explained from that metabunk thread alone as a cruise ship, a small boat upside down on the beach, a part of a hotel, a ring with the stone missing (or armband), the inside of a camera lens, a reflection of someone standing in a lit driveway viewing it in a rectangular convex mirror, a reflection of an illuminated object behind a window, a pepper's ghost hoax, the top half on an image from a security camera monitor or a TV screen showing a feed from a wide angle camera, hoops resting on a cylindrical object - such as a wooden dowel, a copper or bronze bangle bracelet, a pocket watch, a silver spoon in front of the camera, a yacht in marina...

The people who took the videos could be the greatest trolls in history I suppose. It's certainly unconventional for UFO footage, so I really don't know what I'm looking at. What I do know is that the "resemblance to this thing, therefore too much of a coincidence" argument is completely flawed. It's so flawed, even Mick West has denounced it before.

The argument isn't flawed when the coincidence is actually unlikely, but it's super easy to simply not be aware that the coincidence you picked out is likely to be there anyway. As you can see above, if you can find 13+ different things to "match" some frames of a video, then it's easy to match it to something incorrectly because not all of them can be correct at the same time.

If the UFO shape is quite simple, such as what is depicted in the Rex Heflin photos, and you find something that looks very much like it, you cannot be confident whatsoever that you're actually correct. The Rex Heflin photos have not been "debunked" as a model train wheel, and it is not "too much of a coincidence" that somebody was able to find something that resembles it closely.

With the Turkey footage, people aren't actually saying that it looks like a cruise ship. They are saying that it looks like a very small portion of a cruise ship, or a small portion of a ring, camera lens, etc, so this is one level deeper than the resemblance argument. Not only do you have quadrillions of man made things you could choose for a comparison, now you have the option of breaking down those quadrillions of things into tiny parts and moving them any direction you want to get a theoretical "match." When that happens, you should not be saying that it's too much of a coincidence, therefore debunked. You should be saying that even if the video depicts a real UFO, you would probably still be able to locate numerous objects to "match" it, so the coincidence is normal and may have absolutely nothing to do with it. That doesn't sound too convincing as a debunk though, so I doubt debunkers are going to put this front and center in their argumentation, but it's something to keep in mind.

Here's where it gets even worse: Resemblance to man made objects is only one out of 18 different disqualifiers for UFO footage, many of them being coincidence arguments. Not only do you have the option of matching up the footage to either an entire or a portion of quadrillions of objects to discredit it, you have 17 other things you could chose from in order to find something else to discredit it. All you have to do is pick whichever ones apply to the case and you are guaranteed to be able to incorrectly discredit a genuine UFO video.
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Where are the navigation lights? There are so many holes in this theory that I don't even know where to begin.

Any type of ship looks like a small city at night on the water. Add in their navigation lights, and a ship is identifiable 100% from a distance. They have to in order to be in compliance with maritime law.

Even if it's on anchor or in distress. There are a very specific arrangement of lights and shapes (daytime) that are mandatory to be visible on ANY marine vessel day or night.

No one can convince me that this is a cruise ship or any other type of marine vessel.

Also want to add one more thing from experience. 99% of the time the lights in a pilot house/bridge/wheel house, are off. That's because overhead cabin lights are blinding to whoever is piloting the ship. There were times when we did, but the majority of the time we were either on anchor or at the dock.

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One should look at Chris Lehto's analysis first before calling this anything prozaic.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJIYf62SdEw>

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godianaa

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I've posted this before but here is a link to the written analysis. Reserve judgement after reading this.

<http://archivosovni2.blogspot.com/2012/04/graphic-analysis-on-videos-regarding.html?m=1>

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thanks looks like a very interesting article to read

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And if you can do that then the image is effectively useless as evidence even if it is authentic. Extraordinary claims and all.

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Not so fast—there may be other factors to take into consideration which make it considerably less ambiguous. People have a very bad habit of taking a single piece of evidence and using it to prove or discredit something (the “black swan” effect holds true only if it can be proven, and that’s often quite difficult).

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Zer01neDevX

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https://np.reddit.com/r/UFOs/comments/zi1cgn/while_most_ufo_photos_and_videos_can_individually/

This link is definitively interesting and will help people to Debunk Fake and Bullshit. Thanks for it !

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I think he should follow his own advice more.

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HaxanWriter

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He does. You just don't like the result because it challenges your own ideas. Which, of course, is your prerogative.

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What about Mick's conclusion that the Ariel event was a puppet show despite the lack of any actual evidence supporting it?

He cherry picked a few statements/drawings from the kids even though the vast majority (e.g., >95% of the drawings) of the kids' drawing/statements/descriptions clearly show/describe something that isn't puppets and are discarded because 8-12 year old children's description can't be trusted.

Mick should follow his own advice.

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Truffle_Shuffle_85

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Questioning or challenging results is exactly what this field needs. However, Mick tends to throw the baby out with the bath water with his near 100% dismissal nature of ALL the data brought forward, or whatever he feels like he can comment on.

For example, I'd give Mick more credit if he'd simply say, that's interesting and we cannot say exactly what that is a little more often.

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Seriously why do you see part of the cruise ship? If it was one those things you see allot of lights? Not to mention there huge! Why would a ship stay in one place because I read it was seen for 1-2 nights

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I'm not saying it definitely is a cruise ship, but filmed from a height of 5ft,

a 15 mile away object would drop 100ft below the horizon due to Earth's curve. It's definitely a factor to consider.

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I was just thinking along these lines actually, where say if there was a circular aspect or component that was primarily identifiable from limited visual acuity, then it is possible to find various objects that may appear to be similar. After which some of the apparent features of the compared images don't necessarily look one and the same (or even noticeably different if they are meant to be similar or even high identical)

although it seems to me at this level of discussion and analysis it can all be a bit moot, upvotes, or downvotes, don't soundly qualify anything, and can, as may be so in these reddits, a rather exploitable factor in ostensibly persuading opinion

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until cruise ships can fly, it's not a cruise ship. the objects in these videos, aren't near the horizon.

i have never understood how people can think it was a cruise ship.

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you could move that frame around to fit on mount everest or a BMW car and

debunkers will gladly accept it as irrefutable debunking proof.

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The main point about footage or images like that is if you are able to match it to mundane possible explanations it's not evidence of anything. It's simply a video of just something and therefore pointless to debate over or be concerned with.

It's just like the videos of random spheres in the sky, yes it could be some AI powdered alien metapod or a balloon. Unless you can rule out the mundane it's useless as evidence for anything extraordinary.

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Analysis of the Kumburgaz, Turkey UFO Videos
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GRAPHIC ANALYSIS ON THE VIDEOS

REGARDING UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
FILMED OVER KUMBURGAZ, TURKEY
BETWEEN 2007 AND 2009 (SUMMARY)
ANALYZED BY MARIO VALDES SANTIAGO - CHILE
Original Raw Videos: 2007-2009 Original Videos
Entire Case Background: More Information

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

This case developed in the location of Kumburgaz between the years 2007, 2008, and 2009. Its main witness was a night guard named Yalcin Yalman, who while on duty registered video of strange objects that appeared at sunrise like floating or changing while in flight over the sea on the coast of Marmara. Yalman was able to film many video segments, some during the day accompanied by witnesses with whom he spoke to while he was filming.

Note: (This analysis has to do with the Turkey UFO video. The objects were spotted over the sea near Turkey between 2007 and 2009 and witnessed by local residents).

One singularity of this case was that the images were made with a camera that had an adapter for close ups of 200X optical, achieving a great amount of detail of the objects.

At first, the videos were analyzed and made public by the SIRIUS UFO organization, directed by the researcher Haktan Akdogan. This case made big news in Turkey and in other countries as well. It also started a great debate between the official members of the Turkish scientific community. Specifically the NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE STUDY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (TUBITAK) got interested in analyzing the original footage, with the intention of determining that the video was nothing more than a hoax, gambling on the idea of scale models, toys, or CGI.

The original tape was handed to the TUBITAK representatives on live TV in their own headquarters. Once the analysis was concluded, they gave an official report from which we took the following fragment:

"The objects observed on the images have a structure made of a specific material and are definitely not any kind of CGI animation or in any means a type of special effects used for simulation in a studio or for video effects. So the conclusion of this report is that the observations are not a model, marquette, or a fraud" and the last part of the report, "it's concluded that the objects observed have a physical structure and are made of materials that don't belong to any category of (airplanes, helicopters, meteors, Venus, Mars, satellites, artificial lights, Chinese lanterns, etc.) and that it mostly fits in the category of UFO's (Unidentified Flying Objects and of unknown origin)".

Other analysis was done by video specialist, image edition and special effect companies from Japan, Russia, and Turkey, all ending up with the same conclusions. In Chile, I asked professor José Atenas to technically examine the

videos, an expert in graphics and video with more than 30 years of experience on television. In his appreciation, José Atenas also came to the same conclusions that the images are authentic.

So far nobody has been able to demonstrate that the recordings are product of tricks or some type of manipulation. Therefore, the debate has concentrated more over the nature and origin of the objects filmed by Yalcin Yalman.

SOME CONSIDERATIONS

To be honest, at the beginning my idea was to analyze the videos hoping to find some elements in them that would be evidence of a possible fraud, taking in count the spectacular manner in which the case was labeled (announced that for the very first time a UFO was videotaped with its occupants precisely inside one of the objects) not a minor issue for those of us who are obsessed with these themes. It was from skepticism, and why not say it, with a quote of prejudice I decided to take some time and check out the fragments of the movie. You could say that my expectations were to "find the string of the puppet".

To make the analysis, I used electronic copies of the original videos, given to me by the Turkish investigator Haktan Akdogan, who picked up this case first handed. I met with Haktan personally to comment about this incident and I was very grateful of him handing me a copy of the original tape, with which I could accomplish this work.

The analysis will be exposed in a chronological and sequential way, in the same order that the research and results came.

Finally, what I present here is only a portion of all that was extracted from the videos and from the image analysis. It is a lot of material and when the moment comes I will complete this publication with more findings.

FIRST APPRECIATIONS RELATED TO THE VIDEOS

There is always a first impression, and it even can be subjective, and by the way, preliminary.

At first look, it called my attention to the honesty of the takes. That is, you can't observe any kind of tendency or intention of hiding something. It is clear that the film man does everything possible to configure his camera the best way to capture the objects; he makes constant changes in light entry and zoom, trying to show as clearly possible what is happening while he films. He also worries on registering different reference points and at the same time making very powerful close-ups.

Even at first if the appreciation can be subjective, as I mentioned before, it must be considered in the context of an attitude and disposition totally open of the witness, who has shown his face and delivered all the background of this case, including the video camera and the original tapes.

After my first look, at the (IMAGE: film grain, illumination, close ups, and reference points also AUDIO: ambient sound, narration, and witness attitude) agrees totally with an authentic recording of objects at a great distance, filmed at night time (the ones used in this work). There are also daytime recordings with interesting details, but in this analysis will be only the night ones.

Having these observations in account, plus the reports from TUBITAK and the opinion of professor José Atenas, I am willing to do and expose the following graphic analysis.

THE BEGINNING OF THE ANALYSIS AND THE FIRST OBTAINED PHOTOGRAMS

As I mentioned before, the objective of this review was to find elements that

would reveal a fraud or a setup in the sequences of the video. For this I realized an exhaustive observation of the images, with a considerable close up and frame by frame process. The video segments used in this part correspond to the June 8th, 2008 and May 13th, 2009 dates. (1 and 2)

Note: (The entire raw footage used for this analysis is at the bottom)

Given that the most spectacular aspects of the case rest on the alleged presence of UFO occupants in the footage, the observation point was centered primarily in the center zone of the object, that's where, according to the witness; there was "someone", what has been interpreted as the occupants or crew. In summary, the records of the case indicate that in the center of the object would be found some type of door or window that at times remains opened and from where it's possible to see two "heads", which would correspond to the slippery occupants.

A short time after reviewing, I could observe a couple of photograms that caused me strangeness and amazement. My first reaction was to say "Bingo! Here there's something". After a second view of the fragment, I was able to isolate a sequence that seems, to say the less, interesting. Not just because of the clarity of the takes, but also because the investigation started to turn more complex from the point of view of the different explanation theories possible. In fact, at this point a series of questions appear, that later I will comment on.

In concrete, the sequence shows with acceptable clarity the moment in which one of the figures, apparently of humanoid characteristics, raises then looks and it remains for a fraction of time looking right at the front. The appearance is that of a head with two relatively big and dark eyes. Also it is possible to interpret what part of the body of the figure is left to see as a body or small torso in relation to the head. (3 and 4)

One of the photograms of the sequence.

This is the original image, just as it appears on the recording.

In this image only one level filter was applied, increasing the luminosity of the scene. This allows the extraction of the most data possible that the camera could capture, without modifying the image quality.

After checking uncountable times this photogram sequence (5), I got the conviction that the figure in question is not static; by the contrary, it is in permanent movement, in general with the "view" looking down, with the exception of this segment, in which the figure happens from this position to look fixedly at the front, to then lower the "view" again.

5) Here, parts of the consecutive photograms, summarized in the 4 principal ones.

In the first, the figure starts to raise its head, while the image start to lower in relation to the settings. (ahead I will explain the importance of this detail).

In the second frame, the figure has its head straight, in "look front" position.

In the third photogram the figure keeps its position.

Finally, in the fourth frame, the figure returns to its original position.
HERE IS THE COMPLETE SEQUENCE IN SLOW MOTION

AND WITH AN EMBOSSEMENT OF THE LIGHT LEVEL

(the sequence will loop every 2 seconds)

To compensate for the differences between displays, the two options

This sequence is produced while the image, that is to say, the object, begins to lower in relation to the setting, which in my opinion owes to an ascending movement of the camera. This movement in general produces a distortion of sweep in the image, an artifact of out of focus movement. Well then, simultaneously, while this happens, the figure realizes the action to raise the head, being opposed to the decrease of the image and annulling the sweep of distortion. That is to say, a synchrony of the image takes place in the zone where both opposite movements are, producing clarity and sharpness in the zone. When the figure returns to lower the head, it does it in the same descending sense of the image, returning to generate the out of focus of movement.

In the following close up sequence, (6) it's possible to see that the "humanoid" figure is visible even without the need to apply zoom.

Though it is true that the previous images are clearer samples I could have obtained of the central figure, there are great thesequences and stills of interest that I have selected. Nevertheless, for motives of space and time for explaining them, I have chosen the following three stills (7, 8, and 9) that support the hypothesis of which the figure in analysis is really in the recording and is not product of games of lights and shades or a bad interpretation of any another element. In my opinion, the figure humanoid is in the filming and is in constant movement.

ARE THERE MORE THAN ONE?

In this point of the analysis it seems important to me to clear the questions about if there are two figures with these characteristics that appear in the videos. For this, I focused the analysis in the left zone. The idea is to find out if it's possible to find in that zone an image similar to the previously exposed.

Effectively, in the following I expose at least one still (10) that can support this idea.

Here you can appreciate at the left side of the figure exposed before that we find another one of similar characteristics, of equal proportion and in a position slightly inclined down. They are clearly visible the form of the head and both dark eyes, of absolutely symmetrical form.

SOMETHING IS MOVING IN FIRST PLANE

As I indicated previously while analyzing the first sequence of stills the following detail raised my attention. Something moves in the first plane, almost in front of the figure in study. To try to solve this questioning, I returned to

check the complete video, at different speeds and levels of close ups, centering the observation only on this zone. (11) You can check the sequence of video and identify the zone to which I refer.

Well then after checking the videos at different configurations of reproduction, I have come to a strange enough and complex conclusion of explaining without showing simultaneously the fragments of video, which is difficult to do for this way. Nevertheless, I will try to do it by means of isolated stills and explanatory drawings.

What moves in front of the figures that we saw previously seems to be a third figure. This one has characteristics different from the previous ones. In concrete, it's a figure with an "insectoid" aspect in his form and movements. If it had to describe it or to classify it somehow, I would say that it's looks very close to a praying mantis. It has a brown color, his head is not so big as that of the previous ones and is of triangular form. It has two very big and dark eyes, located to the sides of the head and in ascending form. It seems to have a long neck and a very thin body. On having checked carefully the videos, it is possible to distinguish his arms stretching in a similar way that the mantis does. His position in the scene is of profile orientated towards the left side of the image, his body remains sloping or curved, moving permanently the head and the arms, and simultaneously inclines forward.

(While analyzing the movement of this one and the other figures, I repaired in a singular enough detail in relation to the way in which they move. Hereinafter I will comment on this point).

Now I will expose a series of stills that show the figure that I have just described (12, 13, 14, 15, and 16). Again I repeat that the best way of checking this finding is looking at the videos, in different configurations of reproduction. Nevertheless, I believe that the following stills can serve to support this hypothesis.

In these stills I show the location of the figure in the top part. In the low one, my interpretation is in drawing, stocks in the study of the videos and the isolated frames.

The drawings (of my authorship) interpret what appears in the videos. They are a mixture between the information gathered from the analysis of the form and movement of the figure and the stills. Though the thinnest details do not appear clearly in these captures, they have been gathered from the information obtained after analyzing the totality of the videos. In some segments and stills, some details appear with major clarity and in other fragments there are different the elements that are rescued. On having assembled all the details, it is possible to come to the conclusion that the drawings show. For example, in these stills the drawings are based more than anything on the location of the head, the eyes and the torso, and I have overlaid them over the frozen frames. The detail of the arms, on the other hand, has obtained of the observation of the videos in movement, which turns out to be very complex of exhibiting this way.

In the above still it's possible to estimate a thinner figure, of brown color and of smaller head, which is in front of the other two figures. Seemingly it's standing up. Also the figure of the center turns out to be visible "looking" at

the left side and slightly down.

SOME CONCLUSIONS UP TO THIS PART OF THE ANALYSIS

As the slogan the title of this work, this one is a graphical analysis. That is to say, it is based strictly on the images and tries to give clarity respect of the information that the camera achieved to catch in the videos. In this respect, I try to be rigorous not do any affirmations respect of the nature and the origin of what appears in the filming. Except, obviously, that in the course of the investigation I find elements that could solve the case with some conventional explanation, thing that up to the moment has not happened. Also I have not found reports or investigations of organisms not of particular investigators who give a conventional and convincing explanation in the matter. In the final conclusions I will explain why I underline this of the graphical analysis and my caution in doing affirmations on the origin of what appears in the videos.

In relation to the observed until now, we can summarize that in conformity with the statement of the witness, there is more than one figure of humanoids characteristics moving in the central part of the object, in concrete there are three. Two of similar characteristics (head enlarged in relation to what it's possible to estimate of the body, something similar to big dark eyes and a seemingly thin body) and a third party of different appearance, which I have graphed as of "insectoid" characteristics for his form and movements, very similar to a praying mantis.

The three figures are in constant movement and seemingly interacting between them. The figure of singular characteristics seems to be in front in relation to the camera and in profile position orientated towards the left side of the image.

THEY MOVE VERY FAST

Already I mentioned lines behind that while analyzing the movement of the figures I repaired in a singular detail: the figures move in an extremely fast way, as if the video was being reproduced to the highest speed. Only on having been lowering the speed of reproduction it is possible to begin to identify the figures and his movements. In fact, the sequence in which the central figure raises his head and turns it going down happens in only an eighth part of a second.

It turns out difficult to determine to what speed of reproduction the movements approach a level of "normality", but it is clear that to come more or less to this point it is necessary to reproduce the videos to a speed of extremely slow motion. I leave this precedent in the table for consideration, since I imagine that the theories and hypothesis on this point are not going to be absent.

MORE QUESTIONS

After finding these images, it turns out to be inevitable to ask. What are these figures? And, specifically, what are they doing? Why do they move so much? Well then, from now the analysis will go on trying to clear some of these questions.

WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

The three figures seem to be interacting between themselves. Seemingly, they are occupied in some concrete action, located specifically in the half lower part of the scene, since in general they seem to be looking down. In fact, the "insectoid" figure displaces his arms repeatedly towards this zone of the image. To try to verify what they can be doing, I did a new review of the videos, analyzing carefully this time the zone in question. (17)

The three figures seem to be manipulating something in the mentioned zone. Permanently we can appreciate movements that can be assumed to be the hands moving in this space. At this point I expose some stills that can support this idea. Nevertheless, after studying this zone of the scene I could find a worrying enough image (18), which might begin to give indications of what they might be doing these three enigmatic figures.

In the analysis I could observe that what appears in this zone of the image is not more not less than another figure, located in a horizontal way and of which I could rescue a still where it appreciates the head with relative clarity, and even it is possible to estimate the face (18). Down below, the processing of the image, applying only a close up (19) and a slight increase in the levels of lighting (20), procedures that do not alter mainly the information contained in the image.

Still with the original image, without any type of intervention.

Close up of the image and embossment of the level of light.

In this graph, as in the previous exercises, I superimpose my interpretation in drawing on the isolated still. The hypothesis is that a fourth figure is in the scene. This one remains in horizontal position, while seemingly it is manipulated by the other three.

I consider being necessary to repeat that this interpretation in drawing of the captured still is based, besides the frame, on the observation of the whole video and the analysis of the movements that in this one appear. That is to say, on having analyzed the totality of the video I have raised the hypothesis before indicated and later I have looked for the segments or stills that demonstrate of the best way this idea.

Before I mentioned that the three figures seem to be manipulating the one that remains horizontal or leaned. It turns out difficult to graphicate this affirmation through this means, since for it, it's necessary to explain and to show simultaneously the videos in different configurations of speed and levels of exposure. Nevertheless, I will try to graphicate this with some stills in which it's possible to estimate what I have interpreted as the hands of both figures of the center manipulating the one that remains in horizontal position. (22, 23, 24 and 25)

Though it's true that some of the details to which I refer in this analysis are too thin, since to be visible in a filming of these characteristics - it is to say, objects filmed at great distance, I think that the adaptor of 200X used by Yalman has done its work. Some details are clearer than others, but the review of the total of the videos plus the isolated information gives a consistent enough general panorama. Certainly, all this is left for the consideration of every spectator. My conviction is the one that I expose in this work.

Later, a segment of compound video of 2 consecutive frames that shows the movements in the zone where the hands are located of the central figures. Though with low video quality, it is possible to see that the heads of both figures in the center remain immobile, while the movement is observed in the zone where the hands are found, that is to say, on the figure that remains leaned. Other details that can be seen in this segment are the movements of the "insectoid" aspect figure, located to the right of the image - specifically the head (of brown color), besides the shades of the eyes in the figure that is in horizontal position.

THE SCENE

With all this information, some with details and others of more general aspect, it is that I arranged to graphicate by means of a lifted hand drawing, my interpretation of what happens in these images from the video.

In summary: two figures of similar characteristics (big heads in relation to the body, of big dark eyes), accompanied of a third figure, thin and of brown color, of "insectoid" aspect (similar to a praying mantis), of big seemingly black eyes, they manipulate or realize some action on a fourth figure of characteristics seemingly different from other three, which it remains leaned or in horizontal position. All this in, over or to the interior of an allegedly flying object, which up to the moment is kept classified like not identified. (On this point, at the end of this report I will do a small analysis in relation to the objects).

The drawing is based on the totality of the elements obtained in the analysis, but for it's comprehension it will be mounted on one of the exposed stills. I do this explanation due to the fact that all the details that the drawing do not appear in the chosen still. Nevertheless, they are visible in the development of the whole investigation and have been agglutinated and mounted over this individual still.

REGARDING THE OBJECTS

In the following I expose only some scopes in relation to the images where the objects appear, allegedly flying and up to the moment not identified.

One of the controversial details of the case is that, according to the statement of the witness, in the top part of the UFOs a species of windows or hatches would open, where the occupants would let them be seen. Well then, here I realize an exercise of comparison between two frames obtained of two different videos, recorded in different dates, May 29, 2008 and May 17, 2009.

In the first comparison, the object recorded the year 2008 would remain with the "hatches closed", being visible the reliefs and cuts in the place where they would be located. On the other hand, in the video corresponding to the year 2009 the openings would be opened, being visible what the witness interprets as "someone".

In the second comparison, I realize an exercise of alignment between both videos in order to establish the coincidence between what it would be the clear opening, in the video of the year 2009, and closed in the recording of the year 2008. The alignment turns out to be correct, as also the other possible openings located to the side.

Another interesting aspect are the diurnal videos. In these segments only the light sources are visible, due to the fact that since they are obtained by day or at the beginning of the dawn, the conditions change notably. In these circumstances there exist several elements that they interpose between the camera and the object as to obtain images similar to the night ones. In this case, they interfere the daylight, the haze of present dawn in the coastal place, plus the distance. This provokes that the details are prevented visually and only lets us see the lights rather distorted by the perspective.

Some investigators have affirmed that the objects caught in the diurnal videos correspond to the lights of a craft filmed to great distance. This one is an interesting detail, since on having done this affirmation they are delivering an

estimation of the size that these objects might have. Nevertheless, some of them affirm that the UFOs caught by night would not be the same that appear in the diurnal videos.

Here I present a comparison with exercising an alignment between the recorded videos on November 6, 2008 and May 15, 2009, and another one between the videos of June 2, 2008 and May 15, 2009. One of the images of May 15, 2009 is seen over a dark background due to the fact that it was recorded with the first daylight, at 5:20 a.m., and the capture has loss of light due to the applied zoom, but nevertheless it is a diurnal video. Here also the alignment turns out to be correct.

GENERAL CONCLUSIONS

During this investigation it has not been possible to find indications of manipulation, assemblies, or tricks used for the production of the videos. The objects caught in the tape do not correspond to static figures.

After doing close ups to the images, it is possible to observe that in the zone where, according to the statement of the witness, it is possible to see the occupants of the objects, and it's observed constant movement, produced by three figures with the characteristics before indicated and gesticulating in the way previously described.

When reproducing the video at normal speed, it's difficult to recognize what's exposed in this analysis, since the figures move at an extremely rapid speed, as if the video was being reproduced at an intensive speed.

Only lowering in a considerable way the speed of reproduction it is possible to identify the figures and determine its movements. Even a frame by frame observation is necessary.

In my opinion, it's about live recorded images. They are not generated by computer animation and not 3D renderings.

Neither do they seem to be filming puppets or scale models. This possibility is improbable, between other reasons, for the movement and gesticulating that is observed in the figures found in this analysis and because according to my vision in relation to the size and the proportions of the objects, rather they might be like the size that you would have in a light aircraft or a yacht with his crew members, filmed distantly and increased with a powerful enough zoom.

None of the images or theories here exposed have been found nor published previously, with one to three years passed since the events. Obviously, they have not been exploited somehow, neither by the witnesses of the case, nor by the investigators who analyzed or announced it, nor by speculators of the UFOs topics. It is improbable that someone has plotted a fraud with these characteristics without the most controversial and polemic images having gone out into the public light.

To make a few images or scenes as those that appear in these videos, one would need, to my understanding, a great quantity of time resources and know-how in the area of the special effects, which does not mean that it should be impossible. What really turns out to be a strange enclosed absurdity is that even if this has happened, the realized work has been mastered finally (and only the zone of the object, not this way neither the rest of the image nor the audio) with a speed of reproduction so rapid that it makes almost impossible to notice his presence in the tape. Consequently, nobody would see it, since it has not been discovered until now.

I consider these details of great importance, since they impede furthermore the conventional explanation.

As I heeled in the course of this investigation, that it is an analysis that refers to the graphical aspect and not neither to the nature nor the origin of what one has been found in the videos, since I would not have how to demonstrate any affirmation in this sense.

As well as they have not found elements to affirm that the figures and forms that appear in the images should be computer animations or scale models, also the non existence of concrete evidence that the figures that here appear have some origin or certain nature that could be demonstrated.

My conclusion is that this case is, up to the moment, a real event of high strangeness, with the characteristics here exposed, that does not have a conventional, convincing and demonstrable explanation and that therefore, to my understanding, is kept unidentified.

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AnonymousApril 1, 2013 at 12:10 PM
They are here. Art Bell has seen them too so have other millions. The problem is that in the USA the powers that be are full of shit when it comes to disclosure.

Reply

AnonymousApril 1, 2013 at 8:15 PM
Thank you for bringing these videos out again. I must have missed this revalation when it was first made public. Thanks to coast2coastam for helping move up the "disclosure" time. I remember back in the '50s when movies were made depicting the aliens as "mantis" figures. The USA will have to stop their stone walling.

Reply

AnonymousApril 2, 2013 at 8:33 AM

Perfect example of how not to do an analysis. Making grand leaps to insectoid beings via blurred, poor datasets is a recipe for disaster. If the data is good enough, there's no need for line drawings over the footage. The analyst seems rather biased not to even remotely consider alternative explanations. It's right into alien craft and no looking back.

Reply

Replies

UnknownJanuary 5, 2014 at 4:11 AM

Give us an alternative explanation then ? You seem vague in your own conclusion. Which is that you denounce before the presentation of factual evidence.

UnknownMay 2, 2016 at 5:29 AM

Given the greys are clearly visible. Aliens are undeniable. On first viewing the film. I also noticed an insect like figure. (Before reading this report)

Reply

AnonymousApril 2, 2013 at 3:54 PM

This comment has been removed by a blog administrator.

Reply

AnonymousApril 2, 2013 at 4:16 PM

The Kumburgaz Turkey UFO blog is really quite exciting. After listening to George and Mr. Lier on Coast to coast the other night and seemingly nothing being questionable I checked through the Coast to coast web site and the blog and thinking my god I think we're on to real proof of alien contact. The spreading global investigation on the Kumburgas sittings have all been coming to the same conclusion "Appears to be genuine." This is the most exciting and frightening event yet because of it so far holding up to encounter of the second type criteria yet. I don't believe Roswell was a crashed flying saucer. It was most likely an earlier version of the Black bird called the Ox cart. The crash site was one state south of today's area51, which was the turning radius of the Ox cart. The government couldn't tell anyone about the new spy plane. A few Ox carts crashed. Time to start making tin foil hats (so the aliens can't read our minds) lol.

Reply

AnonymousApril 23, 2013 at 10:26 AM

Ok people, its definitely healthy practice to be sceptical before acknowledging proof. However making comments without doing any kind of research of your own is just ignorant. Whether you believe in alien life and ufos is irrelevant when you have something that has been proven to be truly authentic in its nature. Meaning what we are seeing is a UFO, something that no one can identify or classify. It, could be alien life or it could be new tech. Either way its a ufo, not a "hoax". I wish people would open their minds and stop falling under spells of religious and political dogma. I think its hilarious and ridiculous that people are willing to lead, a life of belief in something they have never seen or experienced or believe that a man walked on water or separated the red sea, but think its silly or ludacris to believe in alien life or ufos. And im a theologian. Everyone has an absolute right to their religious belief but dont demonize others for their experiences. Besides most religion is so far off from the original wriiten word its almost comical.

Reply

Replies

wadesertccw@gmail.com March 15, 2018 at 4:08 PM

And people lose sight of what UFO means, Unidentified Flying Object. Period. End.
This is what we have here.

Reply

Phil UK October 6, 2013 at 1:14 AM

Come on everybody take your blinkers off and your head out of your arses THEY ARE
HERE GET USED TO IT

Reply

Kawicrash December 4, 2013 at 5:39 PM

UFO Captain: " Say, this looks like great place to hover and do some diabolical
experiments and implants!"

Mantis Doctor: "Nurse Grey, can you open the curtain so we can all crowd around
the tiny window in our intergalactic mile wide spaceship and then push the
operating gurney up to the the window so I can look around outside while doing
implant work"

Nurse Grey: nfujrwekohvuifdpjj

Doctor Mantis: You know I can't pull the blinds back with my giant Mantis claws,
I always rip the fabric and pull down the rod. Now pass me the bloodless self-
cauterizing laser anus remover and place it in the crux of my giant Mantis claw.

Nurse Grey: hfueopahv

Dr. Mantis: "Dammit Grey, I'm sick of your lousy attitude!! Now come here and
let me pull off your head and eat it!"

Nurse Grey: fgtyiftyfg

Dr. Mantis: "Oh Grey, how can I stay mad at you when you sweet talk me like
that. Now let's crowd around the tiny window and drop this guy head-first on
Linda Moulton-Howe and have a good-old laugh!!"

Reply

Replies

Unknown August 25, 2014 at 4:24 AM

Until I find hoax evidence, this is a really interesting one. But this comment
made me LOL and I read it aloud in a sort of dramatic reading and rehearsal of
your little vignette here. FUNNY! Nurse Grey speaks in binary, prime numbers
only though :)

Reply

Unknown March 27, 2015 at 12:35 PM

Come Celebrate World UFO Day Festival in Memphis, Tennessee, home of Elvis
Presley - the coolest alien of them all.

There are several reasons why this day has found it's way into the world. One of
the first and foremost reasons is to raise awareness about the undoubted
existence of UFO's and with that intelligent beings from outer space. This day
is also used to encourage governments to declassify their knowledge about
sightings throughout the history. Many governments, the US government for
instance, are believed to have gained exclusive information about UFO's through
their military departments. A subject that still raises a lot of curiosity is
the Roswell incident in 1947 when a believed UFO crashed in Roswell New Mexico.
<http://www.worldufodaymemphis.org/>

Reply

kram195June 30, 2015 at 11:58 AM

This should be the smoking gun..yet no matter how much obvious evidence is produced ppl cannot accept it....the dog barking at it just puts the cherry on the cake for me.

Reply

UnknownJuly 19, 2018 at 8:22 PM

Very interesting! I absolutely believe anything is possible, including UFO'S & Extraterrestrial beings!

Reply

UnknownJanuary 9, 2019 at 11:04 PM

Amazing video and proof... THEY ARE HERE. 🙄

Reply

UnknownJanuary 9, 2019 at 11:05 PM

Hello Kim! 🙏us🙏😬😬👍

Reply

UnknownJuly 9, 2019 at 2:16 PM

Best evidence so far me, although not widely known. Have you sent this over to a website like Secure Team with a large subscriber base (one million) so it gets more exposure?

Reply

FVKKENDTSTJuly 24, 2020 at 5:34 AM

the video is very

Reply

Replies

Terry NorrisApril 28, 2024 at 6:29 AM

I agree - the video is very, in fact it is very very, perhaps the veryest.

Reply

pmhorlerAugust 29, 2020 at 5:04 AM

It's just another E.T. interstellar cruiser observing our planet.Get used to it as we are doing the same on Mars !

Reply

Mister Seventy SixOctober 21, 2025 at 2:26 PM

Hello. I myself filmed a craft with occupants showing. I would welcome your insight as you did a fantastic job showing this smoking gun evidence. I have a 34 second untouched original with 20 or so still images along with a brief explaining the incident. Are you interested?

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Reminder; The only thing new about the "tic-tac" phenomenon is the name. They've been known as "Cigars" ever since UFO's have been a reported.
People seem to be under the conception that these "tic tacs" might be some new military technology. Perhaps.

However that type of "craft", is by no means new. It is in fact one of the most commonly reported types of UFO since reports have been taken.

Known as "Cigars", "Cylinders", "Ghost Rockets" and other names; it's pretty clear to me anyway that the "tic tac" is not at all some new phenomenon. It's just a new name for an old thing.

I've spent the last hour pulling (only a few) of the reports of "cigars" from 3 specific books by some of the most credible authors.

UFOs and Nukes Extraordinary Encounters at Nuclear Weapons Sites by Robert Hastings

The Flying Saucers Are Real by Donald Keyhoe

The UFO evidence. Volume II, A 30-year report by Richard Hall

UFOs and Nukes Extraordinary Encounters at Nuclear Weapons Sites by Robert Hastings:

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In short, during the late-1940s and early-1950s, someone seemed to be intent on conducting repeated, unauthorized over-flights of the U.S. government's top secret atomic weapons sites. Reliable eye-witnesses accounts indicated that the aerial craft involved in these incursions were revolutionary in design—usually disc-shaped, but sometimes reported as spherical, cigar-shaped, or diamond-shaped—and vastly superior in performance to any known jet aircraft or rocket.

Page 46;

February 17, 1949. A fireball and a UFO were observed on the same day. Kirtland AFB OSI Special Agent Captain Melvin E. Neef reported that a fireball, orangered in color with a "gas flame" blue tail, was visible for 5-7 seconds at Sandia Base at 5:52 a.m. That evening, a bright "yellow-orange cigar-shaped light" was observed by approximately 100 people, including Sandia's military security guards, for seven minutes, between 5:59 and 6:06 p.m.²⁸

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Foss continued, "To the best of my recollection, the Las Vegas newspapers printed numerous reports of UFO sightings during the Operation Teapot tests. One

evening between shots, I drove into Las Vegas for groceries and, on my return to Indian Springs AFB, I observed what I thought was a UFO. It was not the traditional disc-shaped UFO but a cigar-shaped object which was emitting different colors, such as red and orange, as it traveled in the night sky. The UFO was closer to the base than to Las Vegas. There was no reflective glow in the sky from the city, so it was dark and the object stood out clearly as it headed towards the test range. This object was initially moving in a straight line but then made a few erratic moves that no Air Force plane at the time could possibly perform. Then it was gone."

Page 118;

Harris states that five or six of these gun-camera clips were presented, spliced together one after the other, for the next 20 to 30 minutes. Some of the intercept attempts were filmed in color, with the remainder in black-and-white. "Several [UFO] shapes could be seen," he said, "one was saucer-shaped with a dome on top; another one was cigar-shaped with port holes; and some looked like a cloud, maybe because they were embedded in a plasma field. Some of the film segments were very jerky due to the pursuing aircraft attempting to stay with the UFO." Throughout, there was no narration or soundtrack of any kind. Harris told me that one "could have heard a pin drop" in the theater, as the squadron's members watched in stunned silence.

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There are, in fact, a relative handful of UFO sighting cases which suggest a two-tier specialization of function. Although rare, these well-documented sightings involved enormous, cigar-shaped objects, frequently referred to as "motherships", releasing and retrieving much smaller disc-shaped craft. One such sighting was reported on August 23, 1954, near Vernon, France. Among the witnesses were two local policemen and an army engineer, who described seeing in the sky a huge, silent, perfectly stationary cigar-shaped object standing on end. A fourth witness, businessman M. Bernard Miserey, stated, "I had been watching this amazing spectacle for a couple of minutes when suddenly from the bottom of the cigar came an object like a horizontal disk, which dropped at first in free fall, then slowed, and suddenly swayed and dived horizontally across the river toward me, becoming very luminous. For a very short time I could see the disk full-face."

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Another such case has been reported by researcher Raymond Fowler, involving residents of Ipswich, Massachusetts, who reported witnessing a nearly identical display just offshore on September 17, 1966. However, in that sighting, several discs emerged from the top of the cigar-shaped object, as it hung motionless over the ocean. A third report of this type occurred on September 8, 1958, near Offutt AFB, Nebraska—Strategic Air Command Headquarters—and was observed by at least 25 Air Force personnel, including Major Paul A. Duich, who wrote, "...as we watched, there appeared at the lower end of the [pencil or slender cigar-shaped] object a swarm of black specks cavorting every which way, much like a swarm of gnats. This procedure continued for a minute or so before [the specks] disappeared. Then the object, which had hung motionless on the same spot, slowly changed attitude from an upright position to a 45-degree angle with the horizontal and started moving slowly toward the west..." | Regarding the last sighting, given the other reports of this kind of UFO activity, it can reasonably be argued that, had the cigar-shaped object been closer to the observers, the specks would have appeared disc-shaped. Of course, this cannot be said with certainty.

Page 268;

Austad then said that while the UFO he had tracked at SAGE was certainly startling, he had once been involved in another, truly astonishing incident. "I don't remember the exact year that this occurred," he said, "but one time, when

I worked at the [FAA Air Traffic Control] Center in Salt Lake, we got a phone call from a radio station in Burley, Idaho. People had been calling them to report a huge cigar-shaped vehicle in the sky, about 60 to 70 miles north of Burley. So I called Hill AFB to tell them about it, and they scrambled an F-80. A little while later, the pilot radioed the base and said, 'Well, this thing is up there, big as life, and 21 disc-shaped craft just came out of it!' About ten minutes later, he came back on and said, 'I'm at [my operational ceiling], but this thing is still far above me—at around 80,000 feet.' That was probably the most spectacular incident that I remember." Perhaps significantly, if the huge cigar-shaped UFO was located some 70 miles north of Burley when it released the discs, it would have been less than 30 miles west of the National Reactor Testing Station. Established in 1949, under the auspices of the Atomic Energy Commission, the NRTS was for many years the site of the largest concentration of nuclear reactors in the world. Over time, 52 were built and operated there, including the U.S. Navy's first prototype submarine reactor.

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When I sent Burris' sighting report to Col. Halt, more unexpected information emerged. He responded, "I know of another sighting at Woodbridge on Guy Fawkes Night (November 5th) in 1981. Two independent [security] police patrols saw a large cigar-shaped object float in from the sea and silently loop around the Woodbridge tower. Neither reported it and I only found out by chance as they were leaving for a new assignment."

Page 435;

The sighting was investigated by Dr. S.P. Kuzionov, of Leningrad's Geographical Society, and involved five witnesses, including missile technician Shamil Yua Ahmetov, who reported seeing a metallic-appearing, cigar-shaped object slowly descending at a 45-degree angle. As it did so, it emitted a hissing sound. The sighting occurred at 11:45 p.m. but the exact date in October 1984 was not mentioned in Kuzionov's report.

The Flying Saucers are Real - Donald Keyhoe:

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Turning back to the old reports, I skipped through until I found the American sightings. One of the first was an incident at Bonham, Texas, in the summer of 1873.

It was broad daylight when a strange, fast-moving object appeared in the sky, southwest of the town. For a moment, the people of Bonham stared at the thing, not believing their eyes. The only flying device then known was the drifting balloon. But this thing was tremendous, and speeding so fast its outlines were almost a blur. Terrified farmers dived under their wagons. Towns-people fled indoors. Only a few hardy souls remained in the streets.

The mysterious object circled Bonham twice, then raced off to the east and vanished. Descriptions of the strange machine varied from round or oval to cigar-shaped. (The details of the Bonham sighting were later confirmed for me by Frank Edwards, Mutual network newscaster, who investigated this case.)

Twenty-four hours after the Bonham incident, a device of the same description appeared at Fort Scott, Kansas. Panic-stricken soldiers fled the parade ground as the thing flashed overhead. In a few seconds it disappeared, circling toward the north.

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On July 2, 1907, a mysterious explosion occurred in the heavens near Burlington, Vermont. Some witnesses described a strange, torpedo-shaped device circling above. Shortly after it was seen, a round, luminous object flashed down from the sky, then exploded (Weather Review, 1907, page 310). Another cigar-shaped craft was reported at a low altitude over Bridgewater, Massachusetts, in 1908. Like

the one at Sisterville, it carried searchlights, which swept back and forth across the countryside. After a few moments, the visitor rose in a steep climb, and the searchlights blinked out. There was no report for 1909 in America, though an odd aerial object was sighted near the Galapagos Islands. But in 1910, one January morning, a large silvery cigar-shaped device startled Chattanooga. After about five minutes, the thing sped away, appearing over Huntsville, Alabama, shortly afterward. It made a second appearance over Chattanooga the next day, then headed east and was never seen again.

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It was a bright, moonlit night, with scattered clouds overhead. The DC-3 was twenty miles west of Montgomery, at 2:45 AM., when a brilliant projectile-like craft came hurtling along the airway. Chiles saw it first and took it to be a jet plane. But the next instant both pilots saw that this was no jet fighter. "It was heading southwest," Chiles said later, "exactly opposite to our course. Whatever it was, it flashed down toward us at terrific speed. We veered to the left. It veered sharply. too, and passed us about seven hundred feet to the right. I saw then that it had no wings." The mystery ship passed on Whitted's side, and he a fairly close look. "The thing was about one hundred feet long, cigar shaped and wingless," he described it. "It was about twice the diameter of a B-29, with no protruding fins."

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In addition, the services of rocket experts, guided-missile authorities, space-travel planners, and others (in the defense services or assigned to them) were made available as desired. Under the heading "How Incidents Are Investigated," the Project "Saucer" report says:

But the hoaxes and crank letters in reality play a small part in Project "Saucer."

Actually, it is a serious, scientific business of constant investigation, analysis and evaluation which thus far has yielded evidence pointing to the conclusion that much of the saucer scare is no scare at all, but can be attributed to astronomical phenomena, to conventional aerial objects, to hallucinations and to mass psychology. But the mere existence of some yet unidentified flying objects necessitates a constant vigilance on the part of Project "Saucer" personnel and the civilian population.

Investigation is greatly stepped up when observers report incidents as soon as possible to the nearest military installation or to Headquarters, A.M.C., direct.

A standard questionnaire is filled out under the guidance of interrogators. In each case, time, location, size and shape of object, approximate altitude, speed, maneuvers, color, length of time in sight, sound, etc., are carefully noted. This information is sent in its entirety, together with any fragments, soil photographs, drawings, etc., to Headquarters, A.M.C.

Here, highly trained evaluation teams take over. The information is broken down and filed on summary sheets, plotted on maps and graphs and integrated with the rest of the material, giving an easily comprehended over-all picture.

Duplicate copies on each incident are sent to other investigating agencies, including technical labs within the Air Materiel Command. These are studied in relation to many factors such as guided missile research activity, weather, and many others, atmospheric sounding balloon launchings, commercial and military aircraft flights, flights of migratory birds and a myriad of other considerations which might furnish explanations.

Generally, the flying objects are divided into four groups:

Flying disks, torpedo or cigar-shaped bodies with no wings or fins visible in flight, spherical or balloon-shaped objects and balls of light. The first three groups are capable of flight by aerodynamic or aerostatic means and can be propelled and controlled by methods known to aeronautical engineers. As for the lights, their actions--unless they were suspended from a higher object or were the product of hallucination--remain unexplained.

The UFO evidence Volume II, A 30-year report by Hall, Richard
You're going to have to read this one unfortunately. I'll cite cases but I'm not copying all of the text, and I've only pulled a couple anyways. I think this should more or less make my point by now.

September 23, 1967: Amherst, MA. Geology professor watched flight of two silvery cigar-shaped objects (section IV).

March 17, 1974: Taiwan. TWA airliner crew observed shiny oval or cigar-shaped object, five smaller spherical-appearing satellite objects (section X).

July 23, 1978: Lake Michigan. Several Coast Guard stations observed cigar-shaped object with same pattern of body lights, moving at very high rate of speed (section II).

August 29, 1979: Ernestowo, Poland. Silvery cigar with orange light and square windows approached, hovered, finally sped away over horizon (section IX).

January 25, 1981: Chatsworth, CA. Hovering cigar- or spindle-shaped object, disc with dome, darting motions, numerous photographs taken (section VII).

January-March, 1987: Belleville, WI. Flurry of sightings including cigar-shaped objects, a radar tracking, and other features (section VIII).

May 25, 1995: Bovina, TX. America West airline crew observed cigar shaped object with pulsating lights (section I).

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Comments Section

u/tigertron1990 avatar

tigertron1990

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5y ago

My grandfather saw a cigar shaped one in 1969, in Weston-super-Mare, England. He used to design helicopters for a living and when he saw it, he was completely freaked out and never spoke of it again for fear of being thought of as a crazy person.

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u/PriorQuestion4 avatar

PriorQuestion4

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5y ago

The fact that these sightings have been reported since like the 40s, and we now have video proof of these things makes you really believe the old reports are true too. And if they are, there is no way in hell that technology came from mankind. Thinking it came from us in the modern day is a stretch but back in the 40s? You know damn well that's not made by man.

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3y ago

Where's the video proof

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footlong24seven

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5y ago

There seems to be a few "types" of craft out there:

Cigars

Eggs/Tic Tacs

"String of pearls"

Spherical

Triangular shaped

Metallic Blimp

Am I missing any others?

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Fortheloveoflife

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5y ago

Boomerangs. I saw two of them in Iceland in 2010. I would also make a distinction between triangular craft and pyramid shaped craft (there are two distinctly different shapes, the triangular ones are isocoles shaped and flat, the pyramids are equilateral and have height). I have also seen one that looked like an upside down eagle's claw in about 1994. It had one talon on the 'front' and two on the 'back'.

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footlong24seven

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5y ago

Cool! Thanks for sharing! The only one I've ever seen was a spherical one that was suspended high the air and didn't move for a while. I was at a Mets game high up in the nosebleed section of Shea Stadium.

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u/Secret-Run4610 avatar

Secret-Run4610

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5y ago

Blocky, structure-like UFOs like the one that cruised low across central illinois about 20 years ago. It was follow by police officers over several counties near Scott AFB.

Massive triangles/rare high profile objects, like the first pheonix light event.

House sized, toy top shaped is the one Barney and Betty hill talked about if im not mistaken.

Luminous/plasma surrounded ball objects. Foo fighters.

Rendlebum (sp?) forest event has a rather unique and vivid UFO description of a glowing bright red sport model with hieroglyphics.

"Dripping" UFOs that eject something weird like liquid metal that evaporates somehow.

Barbell shaped objects.

"Bus" or van shaped and sized craft.

There is also some more dismissed evidence of very small UFOs that may or may not be something to it. Something like that might easily be dismissed as an insect or bird, but be something else.

Also, hilariously you didn't list the infamous saucers.

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4 more replies
u/wolfdabs_ avatar
wolfdabs_

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5y ago

I feel like this painting depicts all known craft types.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1561_celestial_phenomenon_over_Nuremberg

We should modernize the rendition.

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o0flatCircle0o

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One thing I desperately wish people would ask Lou...when he says UFOs are real and the government admits it now, and Obama recently said the same... are they referring to UFOs being real since WW2? Or just real recently? That would make the difference between ok it might be drones and ok it's freakin aliens.

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1 more reply
u/NoHuckleberry3743 avatar
NoHuckleberry3743

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5y ago

Tic tacs make your breath better. Cigars do not.

How can all you people go along with this??

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u/EpilepticSpastic avatar
EpilepticSpastic
OP

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Go along with what?

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u/NoHuckleberry3743 avatar
NoHuckleberry3743

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Go along with tic tacs and cigars being equivalent

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2 more replies
u/guhbuhjuh avatar
guhbuhjuh

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5y ago
lol.

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u/croninsiglos avatar
croninsiglos

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5y ago
I don't know, cigars and tic tacs are very different.

The tic tac characteristic, shape, and color don't match the other reports you posted.

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5y ago
What happened to all the Saucers????

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5y ago
Obviously, the aliens felt the saucer design was passé, too 'retro' and needed a makeover for the 21st century. :p

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5y ago
Different race.

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u/Secret-Run4610 avatar
Secret-Run4610

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5y ago
Thats the one they're talking about thats 50ft from the cockpit.

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u/EpilepticSpastic avatar
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5y ago
Important to note that across all of these reports there are bits which basically describe every bit of the Nimitz incident. The object tilting, coming out of the sea, erratic movement, floating, hypersonic velocity, hanging out at 80,000 feet, ect.

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u/ectbot avatar

ectbot

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5y ago

Hello! You have made the mistake of writing "ect" instead of "etc."

"Ect" is a common misspelling of "etc," an abbreviated form of the Latin phrase "et cetera." Other abbreviated forms are etc., &c., &c, and et cet. The Latin translates as "et" to "and" + "cetera" to "the rest;" a literal translation to "and the rest" is the easiest way to remember how to use the phrase.

Check out the wikipedia entry if you want to learn more.

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sling_gun

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Good bot

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From February 2021. Listen to the American Airlines pilot who was just buzzed by one.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/7659655/american-airlines-ufo-flight-audio/>

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whiteravenxi

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Interesting it was New Mexico 🙄

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Elfalien

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egg shaped too, is one that comes up that i consider same type as tictac. Interesting the blue flame that's often reported. Like Lonnie Zamorra's.

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John Winthrop, a lawyer and the 2nd, 6th, 9th, and 12th Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony (12 of the colony's first 20 years), was the first to record UFO sightings in the Americas, although recorded UFO sightings predate this by many centuries, such as 11th century China.

The journal of John Winthrop, 1630-1649. Notice the editors in 1996 included footnotes attempting to debunk this as swamp gas. Not a joke.

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Page 153, multiple witness sighting of a luminous UFO:

In this year one James Everell [92], a sober discreet man, and two others saw a great light in the night at Muddy River. When it stood still, it flamed up and was about three yards square; when it ran, it was contracted into the figure of a swine: it ran as swift as an arrow towards Charlestown, and so up and down about two or three hours. They were come down in their lighter about a mile, and when it was over, they found themselves carried quite back against the tide to the place they came from. Divers other credible persons saw the same light [93] after, about the same place.

92: a shoemaker, admitted to the Boston Church in 1634

93: an ignis fatuus or phosphorescent light, possibly caused by the spontaneous combustion of gases from the muddy river swamps

Commentary: this is very reminiscent of alien abduction. Why would several men in a boat who watch a bizarre light fly around in the sky for hours find themselves upstream without deliberately paddling upstream? They described it as "the figure of a swine." This may have been saucer-shaped as viewed from an angle, or a tic-tac shaped luminous object with 4 landing gear. A modern version

of this is a lost time incident in which a person witnesses a UFO and is dropped off some distance from where they last remember being without knowing how they got there.

The History of New England from 1630 to 1649, by John Winthrop.

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Page 41:

It being court time, about 7 or 8 in the evening there appeared to the southward a great light, about 30 or 40 feet in length; it went very swift, and continued about a minute. It was observed by many in the bay and at Plimouth and New Haven, &c. and it seemed to all to be in the same position.

Page 184:

About midnight, three men, coming in a boat to Boston, saw two lights arise out of the water near the north point of the town cove, in form like a man, and went at a small distance to the town, and so to the south point, and there vanished away. They saw them about a quarter of an hour, being between the town and the governour's garden. The like was seen by many, a week after, arising about Castle Island and in one fifth of an hour came to John Galllop's point...

The 18th of this month two lights were seen near Boston, (as is before mentioned,) and a week after the like was seen again. A light like the moon arose about the N. E. point in Boston, and met the former at Nottles Island, and there they closed in one, and then parted, and closed and parted divers times, and so went over the hill in the island and vanished. Sometimes they shot out flames and sometimes sparkles. This was about eight of the clock in the evening, and was seen by many. About the same time a voice was heard upon the water between Boston and Dorchester, calling out in a most dreadful manner, boy, boy, come away, come away: and it suddenly shifted from one place to another a great distance, about twenty times. It was heard by divers godly persons. About 14 days after, the same voice in the same dreadful manner was heard by others on the other side of the town toward Nottles Island.

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This is pretty cool. These sound more similar to orbs with some lost time and possibly telepathy mixed in.

I read some other accounts of mystery air ships in the 17-18 hundreds New England.

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Duodanglium

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These cases are my favorite.

Pre-1940's era and earlier really help to define how our technology didn't enter into the phenomenon yet.

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Woahwoahwoah124

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Right? Imo taking in all the reports of UAP/UFOs as a group is a good way to find patterns of differences and commonalities in their description of what they saw.

This account is wild lol

Edit: Just read the 11th century China link. Crazy stuff.

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I haven't read the China link yet.

A while back, someone posted a lot of accounts from Romans.

If any single one of these accounts are true, then we have our answer that it's not "modern human" technology.

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Didn't Columbus see an orange sphere come out of the ocean right beside his ship?

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ImAWizardYo

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93: an ignis fatuus or phosphorescent light, possibly caused by the spontaneous combustion of gases from the muddy river swamps

Is this the first documented use of "swamp gas" to feebly explain the anomaly?

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That was the editors' commentary on the sighting they included in footnotes. The editors published in 1996. The book and these UFO sightings were published in the 1600s. J. Allen Hynek, when he was still peddling garbage explanations for the Air Force, promoted swamp gas as an explanation in the 1960s for some of the sightings in Michigan.

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Ahh thanks for clarifying! That makes a lot more sense as it aligns with the current narrative they've been trying to paint.

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Now we need someone to debunk it in old timey speak

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"Verily, thou didst see a lantern of the Orient or mayhaps the glow of a heavenly body seen through the noxious vapors of a miry bog."

~ Mick of the West, 1713

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Jacques Vallee has a good book, "Passport to Magonia: From Folklore to Flying Saucers." He pretty much covers all of history before the present.

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This UFO sighting was briefly discussed on the website of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. It's mentioned on their page dedicated to Shen Kuo, although it doesn't really do the sighting justice.

Dream Pool Essays also contains probably the first ever mention of an unidentified flying object, a mysterious entity that apparently made regular appearances in the sky over Fanliang in Yangzhou province. It was observed to open its door to emit a great light. "The spectacle was like the rising Sun, lighting up the distant sky and woods in red." The object was nicknamed "the Pearl" by a local poet and the Pearl Pavilion was built as a viewing platform for tourists.

<https://www.aaas.org/shen-kuo-first-renaissance-man>

One of Shen Kuo's works was called Dream Pool Essays. Here is a brief description of the relevant passage and the UFO sighting:

A passage called "Strange Happenings" contains a peculiar account of an unidentified flying object. Shen wrote that, during the reign of Emperor Renzong (1022–1063), an object as bright as a pearl occasionally hovered over the city of Yangzhou at night, but described first by local inhabitants of eastern Anhui and then in Jiangsu.[19] Shen wrote that a man near Xingkai Lake observed this curious object; allegedly it:

...opened its door and a flood of intense light like sunbeams darted out of it, then the outer shell opened up, appearing as large as a bed with a big pearl the size of a fist illuminating the interior in silvery white. The intense silver-white light, shot from the interior, was too strong for human eyes to behold; it cast shadows of every tree within a radius of ten miles. The spectacle was like the rising Sun, lighting up the distant sky and woods in red. Then all of a sudden, the object took off at a tremendous speed and descended upon the lake like the Sun setting.[20]

Shen went on to say that Yibo, a poet of Gaoyou, wrote a poem about this "pearl" after witnessing it. Shen wrote that since the "pearl" often made an appearance around Fanliang in Yangzhou, the people there erected a "Pearl Pavilion" on a wayside, where people came by boat in hopes to see the mysterious flying object. [21]

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dream_Pool_Essays

Wikipedia on Shen Kuo: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shen_Kuo

Shen Kuo thought that the witness testimonies were credible enough to include in his book, and the descriptions of the object bear a striking resemblance to much later sightings. Keep in mind that this occurred long before modern day science fiction works, so the sighting could not have been tainted by modern culture.

Edit: Another translation from Shi Bo, *La Chine et les Extraterrestres*, op.cit., 26.

"In the middle of the reign of emperor Jia You [1056-1063], at Yangzhou, in the Jiangsu province, an enormous pearl was seen especially in gloomy weather. At first it appeared in the marsh of the Tianchang district, passed by the lake of

Bishe and disappeared finally in the Xinkai lake. The inhabitants of that region and travelers saw it frequently over a period of ten years. I have a friend who lives on the edge of the lake.

One evening, he looked through the window and saw the luminous pearl near his house. He half-opened his door and the light entered, illuminating the room with its brightness. The pearl was round, with a gold-colored ring around it. Suddenly, it enlarged considerably and became bigger than a table. In its centre, the luminary was white and silvery, and the intensity was such that it could not be looked at straight on. "

The light it emitted even reached trees that were some 5 kilometers away and as a result these cast their shadow on the ground; the faraway sky was all alight. Finally, the round luminous object began to move at a breathtaking speed and landed on the water between the waves, like a rising sun.

As the pearl often made its appearance in the town of Fanliang in Yangzhou, the inhabitants, who had seen it frequently, built a wayside pavilion and named it "The Pearl Pavilion." Inquisitive people often came from afar by boat, waiting for a chance to see the unpredictable pearl.

Edit: This case is also covered in The Columbia History of Chinese Literature, page 561-562, on Shen Kuo's "Strange Happenings."

Screenshot of relevant translation: <https://imgur.com/a/TiLNq0J>

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It was probably secret highly advanced u.s military technology being tested.

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I know you're joking but what if these were the craft that the gov somehow got their hands on a thousand years later? Then what you said could be the truth

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Yeah but I would think the odds fall with the previous owners.

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wow. interesting. It's amazing how this is a global phenomenon that spans MILLENNIA. Skeptics are looking dumber and dumber as time goes on.

I know there is a lot of misinformation out here but after seeing orbs in California and New York in the last year, I can't be a skeptic anymore. Even if there were human beings operating the orbs I saw, the question still remains...how did they learn to build them?

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You can't be serious

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Bleezy79

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Great post, would do good over at r/UFOs too

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This is pretty interesting! The "pearl on top of a bed" description definitely resembles a saucer when you envision the craft with the bubble top, then turning bright white with energy before jetting off. Very interesting.

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One thing I forgot to mention: The descriptions are very vivid and the person reporting the information was a scientist and scholar in a variety of subjects, including astronomy, mathematics, physics, and meteorology. Suffice it to say this guy knew the difference between a description of a meteor and an

inexplicable advanced craft.

You can learn more about Shen Kuo in the links provided.

From the AAAS web page:

The Dream Pool Essays contained the first mention of the magnetic compass. Shen recognized that magnetic north was not true north and correctly figured out the declination. He also realized that the polar star was actually a circumpolar star and through careful observation with an instrument of his own invention, he charted its rotation. These were not idle observations but were incorporated into Chinese navigation practices.

Shen Kuo and his colleague Wei Pu made accurate astronomical observations of the moon and planets by observing them three times a night over the course of five years, a project not matched until Tycho Brahe's extensive observations, 500 years later.

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It's funny how sometimes these things appear to very particular people, as if they were chosen, maybe because of their fame/credibility or social/political power - some, are seemingly random - but isn't it interesting to think 'they' choose who they want to witness them?

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Others claiming such things might have been simply dismissed

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Or because of his larger than usual interest in these topics made him more creative in his thinking / imagination... hmmm

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Very, very cool.

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These kind of sightings have always convinced me of an ET presence/involvement more than modern day sightings

All over the ancient world stories and reports of things just like this. No suck this as coincidence

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Anhui is a premiere destination for these folks apparently. 11th century and 20th century visitations documented!

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I just couldn't really love this more. If I had gold I'd give it up.

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Zero point energy: one cup of empty space has the energy to boil all of Earth's oceans to nothing. That is probably what they harvest.

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Very cool. But it doesn't really surprise me that 2 people may have seen the same craft (or type of craft) only a few years apart. It seems like there are hundreds of reports every year that are super similar.

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I mean, it looks like what a kid would draw if you prompted them to draw a UFO. Pretty generic flying saucer.

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That and the Saucer UFO is like one of the most common talked about and seen. It would be improbable to not see the same type aircraft again eventually.

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I noticed that too. Remember that to them it could simply be functional while we humans may be much more sensitive to design.

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The story: Lennon laughs about the irony of the UFO turning left at the United Nations building. Let that be clear. https://youtu.be/6_3YzyqGb5o

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Or the guy saw John's sketch and decided to pull a fast one

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You mean John copied the other guy's sketch?

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Yeah that's what I meant lol

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I think Lennon had no knowledge of the Westall case. After all it was 8 years before Lennon saw it. Lennon was in the middle of his singing career. The Beatles were extremely busy in the 60's. No time to read local Australian newspapers.

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As I'm sure everyone is aware, over the last several years, esri.com's "A Century of UFO Sightings" received enormous publicity. Here is a tweet from a couple weeks ago with 4 million views:

<https://twitter.com/Xongkuro/status/1657553674942525440>

Other people have made their own variations of the argument. For example, here's a tweet with 18 million views:

<https://twitter.com/bosslogic/status/1624765274498154497>

3,000 points on r/mapporn:

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Another older post with the map:

<https://twitter.com/qikipedia/status/1411671138355253256>

370,000 views on a Michael Shermer tweet:

<https://twitter.com/michaelshermer/status/1685130412094550016>

But you can find tons of these. There has been a steady stream of references to this map since its inception, but even before this map was created, the argument has been there all along. People falsely claim that the vast majority of UFO sightings happen in the US, implying that the concept of UFOs must be a cultural issue, not a reality.

However, esri.com states in the description on their video, the data source is NUFORC, which is a US-based, English language UFO information collection org. Of course it will be heavily biased towards English language reports, primarily US, exactly as the map implies.

Previous to this, another variation of this map from Larry Hatch was floating around. Here is the distribution of sightings in Europe.

A post on Ask an Astronomer says:

But to me, it seems a little far-fetched that aliens would recognize national borders, and visit one country much more than another if the two countries are geographically close, and similar in population, population density, and economic development. So a map like this suggests to me that UFO sightings are likely to be a cultural phenomenon.

However, if you actually read the text on the page with the map on it, it says:

Note the disproportionate sightings densities for Britain and France, compared to Germany, Holland and points east. The biggest single reason is that Larry Hatch can't read German, Dutch, Polish etc., introducing a very definite "cultural bias".

That is a very different kind of "cultural bias" than people have been claiming. The actual problem is the language barrier, preventing knowledge of sightings spreading from one country to another, but people have been insisting that it actually means UFOs are all made up nonsense and the result of "UFO culture." But if you actually look for information on UFOs in other countries, the distribution of sightings is surprisingly consistent across all countries that I have found information on.

Numbers comparison between countries:

I have a quick preliminary tally on some of the total unknowns and total sightings per country below, and the US doesn't seem any different from other countries, especially when you adjust for population. It is extremely surprising that the amount of unknowns, and even the percentage of unknowns, is about what you should expect. If anyone has more info, please add in the comments, but there is already enough here to completely debunk esri.com's map.

Total Sightings collected by a government- United States: 12,618 collected during Bluebook era, plus several hundred more in later investigations, so 13,128. France: 1,600. Uruguay 2,100. Denmark 15,000.

Total Unknowns- United States: 701 during Bluebook era, total of 872. Denmark: 200. France: 400. Uruguay: 40. Germany: 500 (not official tally for Germany)

Comparison 1, Unknowns: Uruguay has about 3 and a half million people with 40 unknowns, whereas the US has 330 million+ with 872 unknowns. The US has almost 100 times the amount of people, so if Uruguay had the same population, they would have about 4,000 unknowns. Uruguay actually has far more unknowns than expected when you adjust for population.

Comparison 2, Total Sightings: Uruguay has about 2,100 total sightings, whereas the US has 14,000 collected by a government. The United States has almost 100X the population, so Uruguay should have approximately 200,000 sightings if their populations were similar.

Comparison 3, total sightings and total unknowns- France has 1,600 cases, of which about 400 are unknowns. The population of France is 65 million, or about one fifth the population of the US. This means if they had the same population as the US, France would have 8,000 sightings and 2,000 unknowns, which is very similar to the United States, which has 14,000 sightings and 872 unknowns.

[Note: the numbers are going to be off a little bit because different countries started tracking UFOs later on, different requirements for collection, etc, but it doesn't matter that much. These are ballpark comparisons from what governments have collected]

[Note 2: Between Mufon and Nuforc, they collected maybe 10 times as many reports as the government did for the US. However, if we were to do a fair comparison, we can only compare between countries in which several civilian UFO organizations from that country collected reports over similar periods of time.

Restricting to government collected reports is at least a fair way to do it because we have more information. And even if we compared the US civilian-collected numbers to Uruguay's officially collected reports, Uruguay still beats the US when adjusted for population (100k+ versus 200k), and the same for Canada. Germany, a much smaller country, also has way more total civilian collected reports than the US as well.]

UFO cases collected by Governments:

United States (population 330 million, 13,128 UFO cases, 872 unknowns):

By the time Project Blue Book ended in 1970, it had collected 12,618 UFO reports... 701 reports were classified as unexplained, even after stringent analysis. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project_Blue_Book

These 366 additional reports, when combined with the 144 reports identified in the preliminary assessment, bring the total UAP reports catalogued to date to 510.

Since its establishment in July 2022, AARO has formulated and started to leverage a robust analytic process against identified UAP reporting. Once completed, AARO's final analytic findings will be available in their quarterly reports to policymakers. AARO's initial analysis and characterization of the 366 newly-identified reports, informed by a multi-agency process, judged more than half as exhibiting unremarkable characteristics:

- 26 characterized as Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) or UAS-like entities;
- 163 characterized as balloon or balloon-like entities; and
- 6 attributed to clutter.

Initial characterization does not mean positively resolved or unidentified. This initial characterization better enables AARO and ODNI to efficiently and effectively leverage resources against the remaining 171 uncharacterized and unattributed UAP reports. Some of these uncharacterized UAP appear to have demonstrated unusual flight characteristics or performance capabilities, and require further analysis.

<https://www.dni.gov/files/ODNI/documents/assessments/Unclassified-2022-Annual-Report-UAP.pdf>

France (population 65 million, 1,600 UFO cases, 400 unknowns):

The team is called Geipan. That's a French acronym for Study Group and Information on Non-Identified Aerospace Phenomenon. Its boss is Xavier Passot. Surrounded by dozens of books on UFOs, and stacks of documents, he tells me his mission is to be as transparent as possible about strange sightings and to follow up on each one that his team receives. They publish their results on their website which gets 30,000 hits a month. The team receives, on average, two UFO sightings a day. The department insists an 11-page form is filled out for each one. The idea is to provide details including photographs where possible but also weed out jokers and time-wasters. ... But there are around 400 UFO sightings going back to the 1970s that the French team cannot explain. <https://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-29755919>

Of the 1600 cases registered since 1954, nearly 25% are classified as "type D", meaning that "despite good or very good data and credible witnesses, we are confronted with something we can't explain", Patenet says.

<https://www.newscientist.com/article/dn11443-france-opens-up-its-ufo-files/>

Uruguay (population 3,500,000, 2,100 cases, 40 Unknowns):

The Uruguayan Air Force has had an ongoing UFO investigation since 1989 and analyzed 2,100 cases, of which they only consider about 40 (2 percent) to be

definitely lacking any conventional explanation.
https://www.google.com/books/edition/The_Ultimate_Collection_on_UFOs/eQj1AwAAQBAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1&dq=uruguayan+air+force+ufo&pg=PA160&printsec=frontcover

Canada (population 39 million, 20,000 UFO cases):

The talk and presentation mark Rutkowski's donation to University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections of his extensive personal collection and files on this case and other UFO sightings and related phenomena from across Canada. These include more than 20,000 separate UFO reports filed with various agencies since 1989 <https://news.umanitoba.ca/the-falcon-lake-ufo-files/>

Sweden, Norway, Finland (5-10 percent unexplained)

Ghost Fliers, winter of 1933/34-

During this first winter, sighting reports of actual aircraft or a body of a craft were scarce. Many reports consisted of bright lights or the sound of an engine heard from the sky, in some instances both. Venus and Sirius were prominent in the southern sky during the entire winter and continued to cause reports in the press and the military. It is worth mentioning that more than fifty percent of the reports were made between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., when Venus was low over the horizon.

That a foreign intruder would carry bright lights, or any other lights, on its aircraft was something that Air Force commander Eric Virgin ruled impossible: "It should be obvious for everyone that no pilot trying to intrude over populated areas would use a searchlight or carry its marker lights." said General Virgin in an interview. His opinion was later seconded by the former Swedish military attache to London, Erland Mossberg, in another interview.

When the hunt stopped in March, 96 reports had been filed by the Swedish military, but the total of sightings published in the newspapers was many times that figure. In Finland, the military had received 157 reports and in Norway 234; in total 487 reports were sent through official channels. The result of the investigation was a harsh statement: "There have never been any Ghost Fliers."

Not everyone agreed. General Pontus Reutersward published his own statement a couple of weeks later, summarizing the reports in a different way. According to the general, several reports during January had been of real but unidentified aircraft. "It could not be denied that a violation of our nation's air space has been going on."

In another twist, the Swedish military, through its Chief of Staff, published its final report on the Ghost Flier in early July 1935, more than a year after the wave had ceased. After concluding that 42 of the 487 reports investigated by the three countries were of actual aircraft violating the borders, the General Staff now admitted that the Ghost Flier was real. "It must be concluded that aircraft whose nationality has not been established have flown over Northern Scandinavia during the winter of 1933-1934," the report said.

The 1950s, Sweden-

During the 1950s, the Swedish Defence staff not only collected but also investigated hundreds of alleged sightings of unidentified flying objects from all over Sweden. Extensive archives, now at the Defence Research Institute, show a dedicated staff making a great effort to solve the many reports.

"We did get reports from several sources--the general public, the local military organizations, in different parts of Sweden, and from the central air control," says Peter Sundh, who from October 1951 until October 1954 was head of a unit at the Defence Staff responsible for investigating reports about UFOs. During this time, his department handled 6,000 reports, of which 400 were investigated and

around 40 remained unexplained.

"We always tried to verify the reports, make a thorough interrogation and never had a superior attitude towards the witnesses. Even when we took the reports higher up in the hierarchy, no one laughed at the concept of aliens or flying saucers. There were always these five to ten percent that we never could explain."

-UFOs and Government- a Historical Inquiry, by Michael Swords, Robert Powell, and others. (link to Google books)

Additional information: <http://www.cagliostro.se/2011/05/02/the-ghost-fliers-2775134>

Spain (population 47 million, no useful numbers):

UFO sightings in Spain are in excess of 7,000, but less than 2 percent of these have been reported to the Spanish Air Force (people may not have known they could, or how to report such things to the Air Force). Out of 122 cases analyzed by an international team directed by Ballester Olmos, 99 had conventional causes, 14 insufficient data for evaluation, 9 unexplained. - UFOs and Government, Michael Swords and Robert Powell, page 430.

Denmark (population 6 million, 15,000 sightings, 200 Unknowns)

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Jan. 30 (UPI) -- The Danish Air Force has released 329 pages of previously classified archives on UFO sightings, including details on more than 200 unsolved cases. https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2009/01/30/Denmark-releases-UFO-archives/90411233360944/

The Danish Air Force has opened its UFO files, which were treated as state secret up until today. The archive features information on over 15,000 reported extraterrestrial sightings. <https://denmark.net/denmarks-secret-ufo-files/>

Danish UFO Files <https://archive.org/details/DanishUFOFiles/page/n21/mode/2up>

New Zealand (population 5 million, no useful numbers yet):

Unidentified flying objects (UFO) files : copies for release to the public / By New Zealand. Defence Force.

"These copied and redacted files of correspondence ... dating from 1952 to 2009 have been declassified and released to the public ... under the Official Information Act ... The files contain reports of sightings by private individuals and military personnel, investigations by Defence and other government departments and agencies into these reports, newspaper clippings on UFOs and letters from individuals who claim to be in touch with alien beings and craft"--Preliminaries. <https://natlib.govt.nz/records/22979464>

Civilian UFO case collection:

Germany (population 85 million, 140,000 sightings, of which 5 percent are unexplained, 500 cases with no possible explanation):

"Germany has a high level of UFO sightings," Robert Fleischer, the coordinator for the German Initiative for Exopolitics, told Deutsche Welle.

He said that, since 1974, over 500 so-called "real" UFO cases - reported sightings that, after careful consideration by specialized experts, cannot be related to any conventional information - have been recorded.

"However, there has never been any official recognition by the German government relating to UFOs or UFO activity," Fleischer added. "So if the Germans were to open any files relating to UFOs, all we would find out is that they pass all

their information to the Americans." <https://www.dw.com/en/despite-partial-disclosure-europes-ufo-files-remain-mostly-under-wraps/a-4783950>

In Germany, there seems to be an endless list of hobby clubs and nonprofit associations. The Association for UFO Research (GEP) is one of them. Their databank includes 140,000 entries, and 95% of them can be explained. <https://www.dw.com/en/ufos-and-alien-in-germany/a-58077707>

Japan (population 125 million):

In a small town in Japan of 5,000 people, the town had about 450 sightings in one year: <https://www.indiatvnews.com/trending/news/home-of-alien-japanese-town-has-452-ufo-sightings-in-one-year-viral-story-fukushima-japan-2023-05-03-868661> But I would prefer a better citation than indiatvnews.com.

If anyone has any information and citations to contribute, please add in the comments. I know I'm missing a lot of information on various other countries, some of which have had official UFO agencies, but it's difficult for me to locate the information.

Edit: added information about ghost fliers and UFOs in Scandinavia, 1933-50s.
Edit 2: added another example of the "map" being shared.

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Comments Section

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DIEXEL

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3y ago

I wouldn't trust any of the UFO associations out there regardless country, because their main purpose is to collect these sort of reports and suppress the most serious ones. I bet also in the developing countries, witnesses believe that they see something belonging to the religion they practice or they report it to the authorities but the authorities don't make it public.

I reported the UFO I saw (evening) and heard (late morning and which also included two fighter jets) on Dec 1st, 2020 to the Swedish UFO Association (UFO-Sweden). But after their investigation became a such F joke because I believe that the Swedish Armed Forces intervened and put pressure on them to suppress the report. I haven't report any other stuff to the F-ers. The other stuff is way more serious than what I experienced on Dec 1st. It has been among other things encounters and interactions with an interdimensional humanoid and an another alien humanoid (if that thing was also interdimensional I don't know), time lost, abduction(s?), communicating with my mind about what we actually live in etc. Seriously, it could be so many reports to them if they really wanted to investigate instead of be Swedish Armed Forces' little b*tch.

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VerySaltyTomato

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South America should have a huge sighting heatmap? Like.. 80% of all UFO/UAP videos seems to originate there..

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u/MKULTRA_Escapee avatar

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Yea, I actually did have information about one or two SA countries a couple years ago, but I guess I never saved it. Maybe Brazil and Chile? All I need are numbers of UFOs reported to an official entity in a country and the percentage of unknowns left after investigation. I'm surprised I found what I did so far, but I know there is a huge lack of info here for SA and it's out there somewhere.

Some of these countries have official government entities that study UFOs and have done so for many years, so you'd think it would be simple to find, but apparently not.

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u/Low-Ad-9044 avatar
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Bolivia is one country which deals with a lot of UFO activity and has been for many years. Their government doesn't hide it from their citizens at all.

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Lost_Sky76

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Great job bro

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u/Master_Ad_4659 avatar
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This is what I thought when I saw the source but with a lot less attention to detail, thank you! If I have time when I'm on a larger screen I would run this through some LLM to see what it might come up with. If I do I will definitely post back but I would encourage everyone to give it a go and see what they've come up with, I find them to be fairly pragmatic about the UFO / UAP topic.

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16y ago
dbqpdb

What are the best intro to quantum books you know of?
I have a very strong math background(theoretical math, MIT), so I don't need anything that sugar coats the mathematical complexity. But I also don't really just want formulas thrown at me. I'd like to see the expemental justification and the processes by which the ideas had evolved. Any recomendations?

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Comments Section

Primey

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16y ago

Well, I would recommend Griffiths to anyone, regardless of background, since it contains a good mix of conceptual and mathematical explanations, and is written in a pleasant, engaging tone.

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u/acousticcoupler avatar

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16y ago

Griffiths DJ - Introduction to Quantum Mechanics 2ed (incl. Solutions)

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Thanks. But I haven't quite figured out what deal with these magnet torrents are yet. I'm still a bit fond of the viscosity of physical books, so I'll probably just hunt it down soon.

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u/djimbob avatar

djimbob

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16y ago

I would agree Griffiths is "written in a pleasant engaging tone". I enjoyed it when used as my undergrad QM1 and 2 book. However, I do not think I got a good preparation for higher-level quantum courses from it. He tries to avoid the standard bra ket notation throughout most of the book. His coverage of addition of angular momenta is only 3 pages long (and he introducing C-G coefs and they aren't stressed or used in any problems) compared to say Shankar (24 page chapter). He doesn't go into symmetries or group theory at all. Propagators are avoided. Generators are avoided. Path integral formulation is avoided. Anything but the Schrodinger interp is avoided. Besides maybe one problem, he never uses functions of operators. He focuses on integrating things out, when often other standard tricks are more appropriate. Basic results are often frequently left as problems (which is annoying to use as a reference).

I would heartily recommend Shankar as a comprehensive introductory text over Griffiths QM. I never really used C-T though it does have a lot of worked examples. Landau QM (Vol 3) is brilliant, but typeset is old-school and its a slow read as there's lots going on. Sakurai is a bit more advanced, but also a very good book.

I also disagreeing with the disparaging of his Griffiths EM -- that actually is a great book that well prepares you for a Jackson level course (and is often a better reference in a Jackson level course than Jackson is; though Landau CToF is better than both for Jackson courses).

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16y ago

Agreed. I still think Griffiths is the best place to delve into the topic if you are mostly interested in the concepts, with some mathematical groundwork. If you want to get into the gritty details, or wish to use it as a stepping stone to more advanced topics I would recommend the first 3/4 of Sakurai, and some other good textbook for scattering theory and second-quantization topics. My grad school uses the pretty good Gottfried & Yan for these subjects.

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From some of the reviews online I've read, it seems like quality.

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Hey thanks a lot guys.

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u/tkdfreak avatar

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16y ago

Well, My Prof prefers Quantum Mechanics: An Accessible Introduction by Robert Sherrer. I think its alright, my classmates love it though (they can't understand professor, I do, so I don't have to read the text.) I haven't tried any other books though, so there might be better out there.

EDIT: and the math is pretty low level too. Although because of that it might do a better job with explanations, but probably not. With your math background, it may not be what you want

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16y ago
Intro? I don't think so!

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u/positron98 avatar
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16y ago
I used Cohen-Tannoudji as an undergraduate. Shankar is a introductory text as long as you have a good math background, which the OP claims to have. Sakurai, on the other hand, I would recommend for graduate level text.

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u/mercury97 avatar
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16y ago
I personally like "The New Quantum Universe" by Tony Hey and Patrick Walters, Gives a good introduction to the subject tbut may not be deep enough depending on your needs...

From reviews of the first edition: 'The Quantum Universe has a quotation from me in every chapter - but it's a damn good book anyway.' Richard P. Feynman

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16y ago
18 pounds... Does that even get into the math? Wave mechanics, Dirac notation?

EDIT: Oh ok, after looking through the preview on amazon.com I have concluded that this is definitely not what the OP is looking for

EDIT2: After rereading his post I have no Idea if what he is looking for even exists.

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u/nicksauce avatar
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16y ago
Shankar.

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u/Cheetta66 avatar
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16y ago
Agreed--- for someone who wants to actually understand QM. But for someone looking just to learn it quickly and/or get a basic understanding without stepping up to the graduate level, there are probably easier books out there.

(fyi, my personal favorite recipe is a combination of Shankar and Sakurai, and not only for pedagogical reasons-- they match too!)

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u/dicey avatar
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Liboff is good for an introduction, I've seen it used in both upper division and grad courses.

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u/dbqpdb avatar

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16y ago

Interesting. I think an introductory grad book might be a bit more what I'm looking for, as long as its not just jammed full of formulas and offers background.

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u/Cheetta66 avatar

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16y ago

Hey from a fellow MIT-er ('04, course 8, with a good deal of 18-theory). If you're looking more for an intro grad-level book, I'd definitely go with a combination of Shankar and Sakurai. Sakurai is a little more condensed and gets right to the heart of it. Shankar, on the other hand, goes through it a little more from the ground up, not necessarily assuming a background in the math but not straying away from it either. He's also a good deal more verbose, but I've found that's more of a good thing than bad when it comes to really understanding how QM works.

Anyway if I were learning it again, I'd start with the first couple (4) chapters of Shankar, then step to Sakurai and read the first two chapters of that. From there it's pretty easy to mix-and-match: stuff that Sakurai covers in passing Shankar tends to devote more space to, so it's easy to cross-reference the two.

I wouldn't recommend Griffiths like everyone else here if you're really looking to understand it- it's good for a quick read or to use if you get stuck on a problem, but for me it doesn't get to the heart of QM like the two above.

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Quantum Physics by Alastair IM Rae is pretty good, might be a bit basic for you though.

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Introductory Quantum Mechanics by V. Rojansky. A little old but still the best introduction to the subject, in my opinion.

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u/NotSpartacus avatar

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16y ago

Your username is awesome. That's all.

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u/chowriit avatar

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16y ago
I personally think that no book is as good a teacher as actually being taught it by a good lecturer. Now, I'm assuming you can't easily go to an Introduction to QM course, or you would have, so might I recommend going off and listening to the Feynmann lectures instead?

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u/icrouch avatar
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Trying to learn from the feynman lectures is equivalent to never going to class, having a friend audio record it for you, and trying to learn from that afterwards. With no help from your friend (bastard).

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The concept of different planes of existence and their relation to consciousness is a fascinating and complex topic that has been explored across various spiritual, philosophical, and even scientific traditions. Here's a succinct guide summarizing some of the key perspectives and discussions from Redditors on this topic:

Buddhist Cosmology: 31 Planes of Existence

Buddhist cosmology describes 31 planes of existence, which are divided into three realms: the Sensuous Realm, the Form Realm, and the Formless Realm. These planes are not necessarily literal physical locations but rather different states of being or realms of experience.

Sensuous Realm: Includes human and animal realms, as well as various heavens and hells. "Generally, the six realms of samsara come about through a certain 'mix' of the three root afflictions being present."

Form Realm: Higher planes where beings have subtle bodies and experience pure meditation. "They are not 'literal places' in the sense that you cannot board a spaceship and travel to Tusita heaven."

Formless Realm: The highest planes where beings exist without a physical form, in states of pure consciousness. "I have a question! So do all the buddhas reside in the formless realm?"

Theosophy: 7 Planes of Being

Theosophy, a spiritual philosophy, describes seven planes of existence, each with different densities and characteristics.

Physical Plane: The most dense and tangible level of existence. "The most tangible and dense level of existence, encompassing matter, energy, and space-time."

Etheric Plane: A subtle energy field that supports the physical body. "A subtle energy field that supports and sustains the physical body."

Astral Plane: A realm of emotions and desires. "The astral plane, like all the other planes, has its own scenery, its own inhabitants, and its own laws."

Scientific and Philosophical Perspectives

Many Redditors discuss the concept of different planes of existence from a more scientific or philosophical viewpoint, often skepticism.

Complexity and Consciousness: Some believe that consciousness arises from the complexity of the brain. "Fairly simple creatures have sensory systems and motor systems. You can make more sophisticated versions of these that become control systems with instincts and memory. Keep adding layers you get consciousness."

Hard Problem of Consciousness: Others argue that complexity alone cannot explain the emergence of conscious experience. "Congratulations you have discovered the hard problem."

Higher Dimensions: Some speculative theories suggest that consciousness might be linked to higher dimensions. "Scientists, as scientists, can establish no such link."

Personal Experiences and Insights

Some Redditors share personal experiences and insights related to different planes of existence, often in a more metaphorical or spiritual sense.

Gifted Individuals: A few gifted individuals describe feeling like they are on a different plane of existence due to their unique way of thinking. "It feels like I walk on a different plane of existence, I'm so wrapped up in my own head and I have no idea how other people think."

Spiritual Awakening: Others discuss the concept of different planes in the context of spiritual awakening and increased awareness. "welcome to spirituality. Now the deep thinking really begins :)"

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The Mandela Effect is a phenomenon where a large group of people share a false memory about a past event or detail. Here are some of the most popular theories and discussions about its origins and nature, including theories involving timelines and dimensions:

Theories on the Mandela Effect

Timelines and Dimensions

Merging Timelines: Some believe that the Mandela Effect is a result of timelines merging. One Redditor suggests that the effect occurs because of the fractal nature of spacetime, where different timelines can intersect and cause shared false memories. "I believe the true reason the ME occurs is because of the fractal nature of spacetime."

Timeline Collapsing: Another theory suggests that the Mandela Effect is due to the collapsing of timelines. This could explain why certain details change and people remember them differently. "Well this supports the theory that the timeline is collapsing."

Multiverse Transference: Some people think that the Mandela Effect is a result of people being transferred into a different timeline or dimension. "If the Mandela Effect is the result of some kind of multiverse transference, does anyone know when it actually happened?"

Psychological Explanations

False Memories: Many believe that the Mandela Effect is simply a case of mass false memories. This theory suggests that people misremember details due to psychological factors like confirmation bias and suggestibility. "Claiming MEs are due to misremembering or 'false memories' is not dismissive."

Group Think: The phenomenon could also be attributed to group think, where people's memories are influenced by the collective memory of a group. "Group think is especially fascinating, but I rest assured that one thing that unite all (living) people is that we're on the same timeline."

Historical and Cultural Factors

Urban Legends and Lore: Some suggest that the Mandela Effect has always existed in the form of urban legends and folklore, but it has become more prominent with the rise of the internet. "Back in the day, some of the subject matter and similar stuff were contained in urban legends."

Pop Culture Influence: Many Mandela Effects are related to well-known pop culture references, which could be due to the constant exposure and reinterpretation of these details. "The vast majority of reported Effects are from things that were well known in popular culture over a 25 year span from 1970-1995."

Notable Mandela Effects

Berenstein Bears: Many people remember the spelling as "Berenstein Bears" instead of "Berndtson Bears." "2001 is when someone told me that the Berenstein Bears changed."

Fruit of the Loom Logo: Some people vividly remember the logo including a cornucopia, which is not present in the current logo. "I definitely remember fruit of the loom with the cornucopia."

JFK Car: There is a common misconception that President Kennedy's car had four seats instead of six. "About 9 years starting with the jfk car (late 2016) where my suspicions started."

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(FR) L'activité du corps humain associée à une tâche fournie à un utilisateur peut être utilisée dans un processus de minage d'un système de cryptomonnaie. Un serveur peut fournir une tâche à un dispositif d'un utilisateur qui est couplé de manière à communiquer avec le serveur. Un capteur couplé de manière à communiquer avec un dispositif de l'utilisateur ou compris dans ce dernier peut détecter l'activité corporelle de l'utilisateur. Des données d'activité corporelle peuvent être générées sur la base de l'activité corporelle détectée de l'utilisateur. Le système de cryptomonnaie de la présente invention couplé de manière à communiquer avec le dispositif de l'utilisateur peut vérifier si les données d'activité corporelle satisfont une ou plusieurs conditions définies par le système de cryptomonnaie, et attribuer une cryptomonnaie à l'utilisateur dont les données d'activité corporelle sont vérifiées.

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Bentov believed that our minds are not just in our heads, but are connected to everything around us and even to the universe. He thought that this connection is what makes us alive and aware. (Stalking the Wild Pendulum: On the mechanics of consciousness, Itzhak Bentov, Wildwood House, 1978).

For a long time, scientists didn't study consciousness because they didn't understand it. But in the 1990s, they started to learn more about it. Now, many scientists are working to understand consciousness, but it's still a mystery.

Think of consciousness like a big puzzle that we're trying to solve. We know some of the pieces, but we don't know how they all fit together yet. Bentov's idea was an important piece of the puzzle, and scientists are still building on his work today.

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I feel like "the deadliest plane crash in American history" is misleading, one of the 9/11 planes have surely taken that title 🙄

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It's easy to visualize this:

Think of an AI like ChatGPT - it's one powerful Large Language Model, yet it splits itself into millions of individual selves to chat with people. Yet what it knows, what it is - comes from the same single pool of knowledge and information.

There is really only one single consciousness and we are just tiny extensions of it in this universe.

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The one time I ever took psychedelics I felt like I understood this on the deepest possible level. Like I could feel it and visualise it all at once. I can't even really describe it other than as you have here. Everything is part of one bigger thing, a never ending tunnel.

I was 17 years old and had never read anything about existentialism, spiritualism or anything like that, but I accidentally took a 'heroic dose' knowing nothing about hallucinogenics and was able to experience the universe the way I believe it to be - infinitely large but somehow confined within all of us. Every experience a ripple that effects everything else.

And the creation of AI is really just further proof of what consciousness is.

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Deff worth research. Some of my fave quotes from the greats:

My brain is only a receiver, in the Universe there is a core from which we obtain knowledge, strength and inspiration. I have not penetrated into the secrets of this core, but I know that it exists. Nikola Tesla

The most merciful thing in the world, I think, is the inability of the human mind to correlate all its contents. We live on a placid island of ignorance in the midst of black seas of the infinity, and it was not meant that we should voyage far. H. P. Lovecraft

Be like water making its way through cracks. Do not be assertive, but adjust to the object, and you shall find a way around or through it. If nothing within you stays rigid, outward things will disclose themselves.

Empty your mind, be formless. Shapeless, like water. If you put water into a cup, it becomes the cup. You put water into a bottle and it becomes the bottle. You put it in a teapot, it becomes the teapot. Now, water can flow or it can crash. Be water, my friend. Bruce Lee

IMO, i think consciousness is the direct conversion of aetherical forces or quantum entanglement energy conversion.

Like how Wi-Fi works as a environmental map for AI, our conscious awareness works in conjunction with our biological sentience to better manipulate our environment.

DNA being the genetic structure that defines the limits of the physical form to do so.

While Memetics are the general structure of our conscious programming to better understand streamlined ways to do so.

One is manipulated with advanced technology or habitat specific adaptations, while the other is conversely manipulated with our understanding of theoretical forces we can loosely define in a uniform way.

So its just a matter of time before we can accurately record a systematic

acceptable chart of how to not just better understand our psychological awareness of the matters of the universe, but how it intersects with our technological understanding of it.

Just gotta get past the innate dualistic nature of a species thats preoccupied with substandard materialistic layers of being.

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I have a question for you. Do you generally believe in some type of "sacred geometry", or rather, that there are mathematical principles which underlie all reality? I believe we are in some sort of fractal universe, but not just in the structure, but all conscious forms as well. Ideas, concepts, thoughts, all part of larger patterns that we can't perceive.

The reason I say this is because you mentioned memetics, which as I understand, has to do with the natural evolution of conscious experience. If you could map that conscious "lineage", for lack of a better term, you might be able to predict future conscious interactions and evolution. All of this would depend on a very powerful entity being able to predict the superpositions of all particles in the universe. This all assumes that consciousness is somehow tied to the material universe, even though it very well might not be.

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As i see it. There a deff corelated effect process, we repeat what we see and what our environment tells us. Memetics is the "OS" of the brain. A is for apple, and we reference apple as the fruit eve is given by the serpent, which we relate to death, and conversely relate to life due to its natural hollistic and antivenom properties, then we create iconography that matches this memetic system.

Example, blue cross and blue shield medical insurance, full metal alchemist symbol. Ouroboric design due to slight systematic changes in the environment. So long as the word give us definition to the object, its permanence and understanding become memetically linked.

Its how i figured tesla was onto something by realizing there was 1 scare resource that he was looking for to complete his tower. Given there was only 1 man and economy that mightve helped him find it at the time.

And even more hilariously. The name of said element shares its theological

memetical references to do something similar in the stories of those cultures.

Mercury.

When you understand that memetics is directly involved with not just sacred geometry models, but also the etymology of the very language you use.

Hence why other cultures using different stories and memetical structures of thoughts, come to differing conclusions.

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If you are open to the idea that our reality is some sort of simulation, then sacred geometry becomes much more explainable. The Fibonacci sequence makes more sense. The tree of life becomes plausible, etc.

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Holofractal theory is one of the most interesting ideas I've come across so far. In that vein you may enjoy the work of Stan Tenen, Frank Chester, and Christopher Holmes whose works when combined elucidate on the idea that consciousness and material reality "unfurl" from a holofractal like source that can be seen to be expressed in action and thought (how we move and express our hands, language, how we process thoughts-generally toroidally as two of the above have come to understand aspects of it).

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I highly recommend his book, "Stalking the Wild Pendulum." Below is a link to the audiobook. Keep in mind when he or others refer to "kundalini," they are talking about the "goosebumps/chills" you feel when you are moved emotionally. It is called frisson in the west (ASMR is the involuntary version). You can learn to self-induce this at will and sustain it for long periods of time by

mastering your emotions and thoughts. Stillness of mind/single pointed concentration can also do it. In meditation, you can build it up to extremely intense levels and eventually reach a peak (Often called the vibrational state). If you can get past this, you can enter altered states of consciousness (known as Jhanas) and/or induce out-of-body experiences.

The sensation has many names across different cultures. Some include: kundalini, chakra energy, chi, piti, prana, orgone, vril, life force energy, holy spirit, and many others. Many cultures/belief systems are centered around cultivating it. Shaman, mystics, monks, yogis, etc. are people who have dedicated their lives to this. A "kundalini awakening" is when this rises in the body, allowing a person access to more intense levels and it will then also be felt on the crown, temples, and forehead. A lot more can be said but this gives you some idea. Good thing is if you are a materialist skeptic like I was, you can try it out for yourself and experience these things first hand. No religion is needed at all. Just need an open mind.

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If interested in finding out more, I recommend William Buhlman's videos on youtube and website. He has a secular, straight-forward approach and taught at The Monroe Institute for decades.

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Wtf I used to induce this feeling in myself all the time when I was lying in bed. Thinking of a specific environment (my town's dusty old mall parking lot in the dead of summer) makes it get stronger for some reason.

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That's awesome. I appreciate you sharing...obviously something about that thought triggered it in you. If you can pinpoint what that was exactly, like the specific quality/characteristic/general idea, it can help you find other triggers. The more you pursue this, the stronger it will get over time and the easier it becomes to self-induce. Like anything else, it takes practice. It also goes hand in hand with the development of the nervous system and the mastering of fears.

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Would this also be what I feel when I get chills up my spine and into my head when I hear music that moves me on an emotional level? I used to get it much more often when I was younger.

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I am a lucid dreamer, and "vibration" is something i am familiar with. I can go from an awake state (aware of my surroundings but still almost asleep) to a dreaming state. It has a process i have figured out with breathing. Strangely enough, its not slow, but harsh breathes. Then my whole body vibrates, and if ur are not used to it, it can be overwhelming, and wake you up. Then i will feel "myself" sliding across my bed. When i slide onto the floor, is when i know i can "open my eyes". Then i can see and do whatever i want. If i want to see a specific person, i just walk around, calling out their name. Most of the time i make my way over to a window and fly away. I have a feeling Lucid dreaming and out of body are similar, but just not quite the same.

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That's what it's called Frisson? I used to to this as a kid, forced goosebumps.

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What's the deal with the snake in kundalini?

My mom was into "charismatic Christianity" (basically Pentecostal) and regularly dragged us to church meetings where people would speak "in tongues" and get "slain in the spirit." I experienced the "slain" thing once and had a visionization of a coiled snake launching up my spine. Only learned that imagery was associated with Kundalini yoga as an adult.

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I had an extremely close friend die in a boating accident a few years back. When I was visiting his parents not long after, his mom had just dreamed of him telling her that he could fly and see all over the universe. That night I had a somewhat lucid dream where we were talking and I asked him what he meant about flying. He told me pretty clearly that it wasn't necessarily that he was flying but that he was just kind of everywhere, all the time. It was bizarre and probably coincidence but I think about it often.

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This happened to me when my brother died. I had a dream about him telling me how space and time work, and how things are really far apart, but right next to each other. I remember how excited he was to explain it to me.

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There was an NHI reddit post on this group a while back where the whistleblower said the NHIs mentioned that consciousness was a wave that we tap into using our brains.. like an antenna.

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Itzhak Bentov, the Czechoslovakia-born Israeli-American scientist and inventor, who became an innovator in the field of bio-medical engineering in the USA, suggested that consciousness is the common uniting element of all creation, and that through this link all things are in permanent contact.

Bentov believed that our minds are not just in our heads, but are connected to everything around us and even to the universe. He thought that this connection is what makes us alive and aware. (Stalking the Wild Pendulum: On the mechanics of consciousness, Itzhak Bentov, Wildwood House, 1978).

For a long time, scientists didn't study consciousness because they didn't understand it. But in the 1990s, they started to learn more about it. Now, many scientists are working to understand consciousness, but it's still a mystery.

Think of consciousness like a big puzzle that we're trying to solve. We know some of the pieces, but we don't know how they all fit together yet. Bentov's idea was an important piece of the puzzle, and scientists are still building on his work today.

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I feel like "the deadliest plane crash in American history" is misleading, one of the 9/11 planes have surely taken that title 🤖

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It's easy to visualize this:

Think of an AI like ChatGPT - it's one powerful Large Language Model, yet it splits itself into millions of individual selves to chat with people. Yet what it knows, what it is - comes from the same single pool of knowledge and information.

There is really only one single consciousness and we are just tiny extensions of it in this universe.

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The one time I ever took psychedelics I felt like I understood this on the deepest possible level. Like I could feel it and visualise it all at once. I

can't even really describe it other than as you have here. Everything is part of one bigger thing, a never ending tunnel.

I was 17 years old and had never read anything about existentialism, spiritualism or anything like that, but I accidentally took a 'heroic dose' knowing nothing about hallucinogenics and was able to experience the universe the way I believe it to be - infinitely large but somehow confined within all of us. Every experience a ripple that effects everything else.

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Deff worth research. Some of my fave quotes from the greats:

My brain is only a receiver, in the Universe there is a core from which we obtain knowledge, strength and inspiration. I have not penetrated into the secrets of this core, but I know that it exists. Nikola Tesla

The most merciful thing in the world, I think, is the inability of the human mind to correlate all its contents. We live on a placid island of ignorance in the midst of black seas of the infinity, and it was not meant that we should voyage far. H. P. Lovecraft

Be like water making its way through cracks. Do not be assertive, but adjust to the object, and you shall find a way around or through it. If nothing within you stays rigid, outward things will disclose themselves.

Empty your mind, be formless. Shapeless, like water. If you put water into a cup, it becomes the cup. You put water into a bottle and it becomes the bottle. You put it in a teapot, it becomes the teapot. Now, water can flow or it can crash. Be water, my friend. Bruce Lee

IMO, i think consciousness is the direct conversion of aetherical forces or

quantum entanglement energy conversion.

Like how Wi-Fi works as a environmental map for AI, our conscious awareness works in conjunction with our biological sentience to better manipulate our environment.

DNA being the genetic structure that defines the limits of the physical form to do so.

While Memetics are the general structure of our conscious programming to better understand streamlined ways to do so.

One is manipulated with advanced technology or habitat specific adaptations, while the other is conversely manipulated with our understanding of theoretical forces we can loosely define in a uniform way.

So its just a matter of time before we can accurately record a systematic acceptable chart of how to not just better understand our psychological awareness of the matters of the universe, but how it intersects with our technological understanding of it.

Just gotta get past the innate dualistic nature of a species thats preoccupied with substandard materialistic layers of being.

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I have a question for you. Do you generally believe in some type of "sacred geometry", or rather, that there are mathematical principles which underlie all reality? I believe we are in some sort of fractal universe, but not just in the structure, but all conscious forms as well. Ideas, concepts, thoughts, all part of larger patterns that we can't perceive.

The reason I say this is because you mentioned memetics, which as I understand, has to do with the natural evolution of conscious experience. If you could map that conscious "lineage", for lack of a better term, you might be able to predict future conscious interactions and evolution. All of this would depend on a very powerful entity being able to predict the superpositions of all particles in the universe. This all assumes that consciousness is somehow tied to the material universe, even though it very well might not be.

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As i see it. There a deff corelated effect process, we repeat what we see and what our environment tells us. Memetics is the "OS" of the brain. A is for apple, and we reference apple as the fruit eve is given by the serpent, which we relate to death, and conversely relate to life due to its natural hollistic and antivenom properties, then we create iconography that matches this memetic system.

Example, blue cross and blue shield medical insurance, full metal alchemist symbol. Ouroboric design due to slight systematic changes in the environment. So long as the word give us definition to the object, its permanence and understanding become memetically linked.

Its how i figured tesla was onto something by realizing there was 1 scare resource that he was looking for to complete his tower. Given there was only 1 man and economy that mightve helped him find it at the time.

And even more hilariously. The name of said element shares its theological memetical references to do something similar in the stories of those cultures.

Mercury.

When you understand that memetics is directly involved with not just sacred geometry models, but also the etymology of the very language you use.

Hence why other cultures using different stories and memetical structures of thoughts, come to differing conclusions.

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If you are open to the idea that our reality is some sort of simulation, then sacred geometry becomes much more explainable. The Fibonacci sequence makes more sense. The tree of life becomes plausible, etc.

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I highly recommend his book, "Stalking the Wild Pendulum." Below is a link to the audiobook. Keep in mind when he or others refer to "kundalini," they are talking about the "goosebumps/chills" you feel when you are moved emotionally. It is called frisson in the west (ASMR is the involuntary version). You can learn to self-induce this at will and sustain it for long periods of time by mastering your emotions and thoughts. Stillness of mind/single pointed concentration can also do it. In meditation, you can build it up to extremely intense levels and eventually reach a peak (Often called the vibrational state). If you can get past this, you can enter altered states of consciousness (known as Jhanas) and/or induce out-of-body experiences.

The sensation has many names across different cultures. Some include: kundalini, chakra energy, chi, piti, prana, orgone, vril, life force energy, holy spirit, and many others. Many cultures/belief systems are centered around cultivating it. Shaman, mystics, monks, yogis, etc. are people who have dedicated their lives to this. A "kundalini awakening" is when this rises in the body, allowing a person access to more intense levels and it will then also be felt on the crown, temples, and forehead. A lot more can be said but this gives you some idea. Good thing is if you are a materialist skeptic like I was, you can try it out for yourself and experience these things first hand. No religion is needed at all. Just need an open mind.

Audiobook: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mStUXBlK-3E&list=PL70N8vIGS1kmy7IleGunJXvLLV6-wuyW4>

<https://www.cia.gov/readingroom/docs/CIA-RDP96-00788R001700210016-5.pdf>

If interested in finding out more, I recommend William Buhlman's videos on youtube and website. He has a secular, straight-forward approach and taught at The Monroe Institute for decades.

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u/Flat_News_2000 avatar

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Wtf I used to induce this feeling in myself all the time when I was lying in bed. Thinking of a specific environment (my town's dusty old mall parking lot in the dead of summer) makes it get stronger for some reason.

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That's awesome. I appreciate you sharing...obviously something about that thought triggered it in you. If you can pinpoint what that was exactly, like the specific quality/characteristic/general idea, it can help you find other triggers. The more you pursue this, the stronger it will get over time and the easier it becomes to self-induce. Like anything else, it takes practice. It also goes hand and hand with the development of the nervous system and the mastering of fears.

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Would this also be what I feel when I get chills up my spine and into my head when I hear music that moves me on an emotional level? I used to get it much more often when I was younger.

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I am a lucid dreamer, and "vibration" is something i am familiar with. I can go from an awake state (aware of my surroundings but still almost asleep) to a dreaming state. It has a process i have figured out with breathing. Strangely enough, its not slow, but harsh breathes. Then my whole body vibrates, and if ur are not used to it, it can be overwhelming, and wake you up. Then i will feel "myself" sliding across my bed. When i slide onto the floor, is when i know i can "open my eyes". Then i can see and do whatever i want. If i want to see a specific person, i just walk around, calling out their name. Most of the time i make my way over to a window and fly away. I have a feeling Lucid dreaming and out of body are similar, but just not quite the same.

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JonBoy82

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That's what it's called Frisson? I used to to this as a kid, forced goosebumps.

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What's the deal with the snake in kundalini?

My mom was into "charismatic Christianity" (basically Pentecostal) and regularly dragged us to church meetings where people would speak "in tongues" and get "slain in the spirit." I experienced the "slain" thing once and had a visionization of a coiled snake launching up my spine. Only learned that imagery was associated with Kundalini yoga as an adult.

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I had an extremely close friend die in a boating accident a few years back. When I was visiting his parents not long after, his mom had just dreamed of him telling her that he could fly and see all over the universe. That night I had a somewhat lucid dream where we were talking and I asked him what he meant about flying. He told me pretty clearly that it wasn't necessarily that he was flying but that he was just kind of everywhere, all the time. It was bizarre and probably coincidence but I think about it often.

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This happened to me when my brother died. I had a dream about him telling me how space and time work, and how things are really far apart, but right next to each other. I remember how excited he was to explain it to me.

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That sounds like numerous stories I've heard from the YouTube channel Coming Home: stories of near death experiences.

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You can get that in daily meditation

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I had no idea Mr. Lahey worked for the CIA

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There was an NHI reddit post on this group a while back where the whistleblower said the NHIs mentioned that consciousness was a wave that we tap into using our brains.. like an antenna.

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I found out seperately that he died in that crash.

I knew about both things but had no clue he was on the flight. Its pretty crazy.

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Serious question, what about this model of consciousness informed CIA activity other than them just studying it? You don't really need to know how things are extricably connected to smuggle drugs and assassinate people. lol

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Oddly, the CIA is and does more than that, I mean very little of it is good, but then again they operate outside the societal concepts of good and bad... and if you think those guys are not good, wait till you find out what the DIA does...

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You do if you're into mind control, and the CIA is very much into mind control.

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He was on the ill-fated Flight 191 that crashed on May 25, 1979, right after takeoff from Chicago's O'Hare Airport. I remember this crash as a ten-year-old picking up Newsweek magazine and seeing body markers and plane debris strewn about the open field. It was a gruesome set of photos in the mag. While I might not necessarily believe all of the stories, apparently a man in Ohio had strange dreams about an airline crash weeks before Flight 191 went down. There was an In Search Of episode on this and I believe the dream culminated and he knew it would crash that or the next day. Strange premonition...

Bentov founded legendary Boston Scientific medical device company and was a prolific inventor.

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Mr Lahey?

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Stalking the wild pendulum is a fantastic book.

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One of my heros. His books have completely changed my perception of reality.

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If we could ask aliens or NHI one question, it should be an understanding of consciousness with a way to prove what we are being told is real. This is literally more important than god, as if we're immortal beings, everything else is secondary

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The Key of Time E.T.O.T

In the beginning there was VOID and nothingness, a timeless, spaceless, nothingness. And into the nothingness came a thought, purposeful, all-pervading, and It filled the VOID. There existed no matter, only force, a movement, a vortex, or vibration of the purposeful thought that filled the VOID.

If true, thought/Consciousness ties us all together. Past, present and future.

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Who knew that Jim Lahey was such a genius?

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Stalking the wild pendulum just bought his book

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absolutely excellent

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What plane crash was this ?

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What do you mean "used by the CIA"?

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Im mowing the air rand

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He got taken out more like it 😞

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The Seth books by Jane Roberts go into so much depth on consciousness. They're my absolute favourites along with Robert Monroe and stuff by Paramahansa Yogananda

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It's a great book. His wife has some videos on YouTube to continue his legacy. There is a famous photo of the plane going vertical before it crashed. A genius.

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The egg which is the second picture is a story written by Andy Wier. The same guy who wrote the martian and project hail Mary. The actual image is from the YouTube channel kurzgasagt...where it references all this.

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Bentov talks about an egg model of reality in his book.

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Dr. Puharich actually passed away in 1995 from complications related to a fall at his home, not in a plane crash.

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Isn't this post about BENTOV? WhoTF is Puharich

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This is Itzhak Bentov, died in plane crash.

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Close it up boys, time to move this one over to r/normalstrangeness

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So you are saying he was killed by gravity.

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Engineering_Flimsy

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These complications, can they in any way be described as the deadliest in

American history? Asking for a friend...

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Thanks, I'm gonna check out his books.

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He and Tesla, like so many other scientists, clearly read about Vedanta and Hinduism's take on consciousness from 4,000 years ago. I just want to know where thoughts originate, because it sure isn't my brain.

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What makes you so sure?

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What if we are the 1s and 0s?

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MasterMisterMike

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My Hebrew's a little rusty, but the guy's name roughly translates to Isaac Good Son... which is kinda cute/interesting for a few reasons... completely unrelated to this thread

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Crazy to think that humans have had consciousness since before they were humans, and they use consciousness to do science, but did not really start to understand it until about 30 years ago??

Yet the occultists and spiritual folk have always been well versed in it in some way or another.

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Can I offer you a consciousness egg in these trying times?

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There is most interesting thread made by a user on X so read here:
<https://x.com/Unexplained2020/status/1822971479824252961>

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thanks for sharing, am watching a docu in YT now

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I don't think it was coincidence that Itzak's plane crashed.

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This is the quantum mind theory!

The double slit light experiment shows us that conscious observation is what makes the determination on what particles will do on the quantum level. In essence our consciousness is implied to be a founding and governing force of the universe, like gravity.

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A robot or any other non-conscious measuring device could cause quantum collapse. In quantum mechanics, the concept of "observation" or "measurement" does not require a conscious observer. No conscious is required.

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Just re-wrapped Plato

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Wow Amazing!!

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The medium is the message

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Remind me! One day

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Why does he look like Jim Lahey the trailer park supervisor manager

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Somewhat related, I listened to a good podcast about NDE (Near Death Experiences). This is from memory, so please excuse my mistakes.

In 2002, a surgeon was operating on the brain of an epileptic patient and by accident they discovered that by applying variable electric current to certain parts of the brain (maybe visual cortex?) they were able to stimulate the tunnel experience reported by patients who had experienced NDE. Something to do with neurons firing all at once, out of sequence.

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Bentov's work on consciousness is hugely speculative. Some would even call him a crank. Just because he was attached to the CIA's remote viewing program does not make him credible.

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Galifrae

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